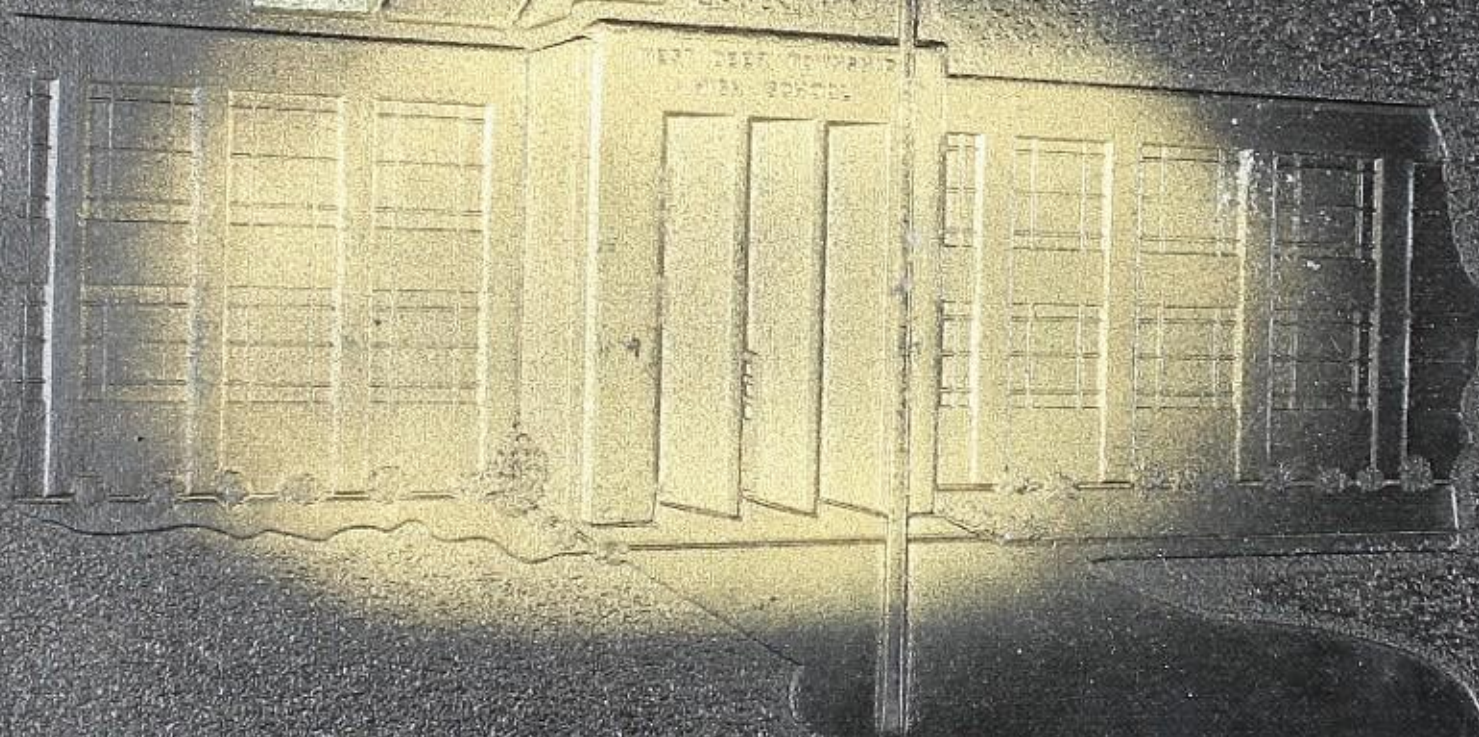


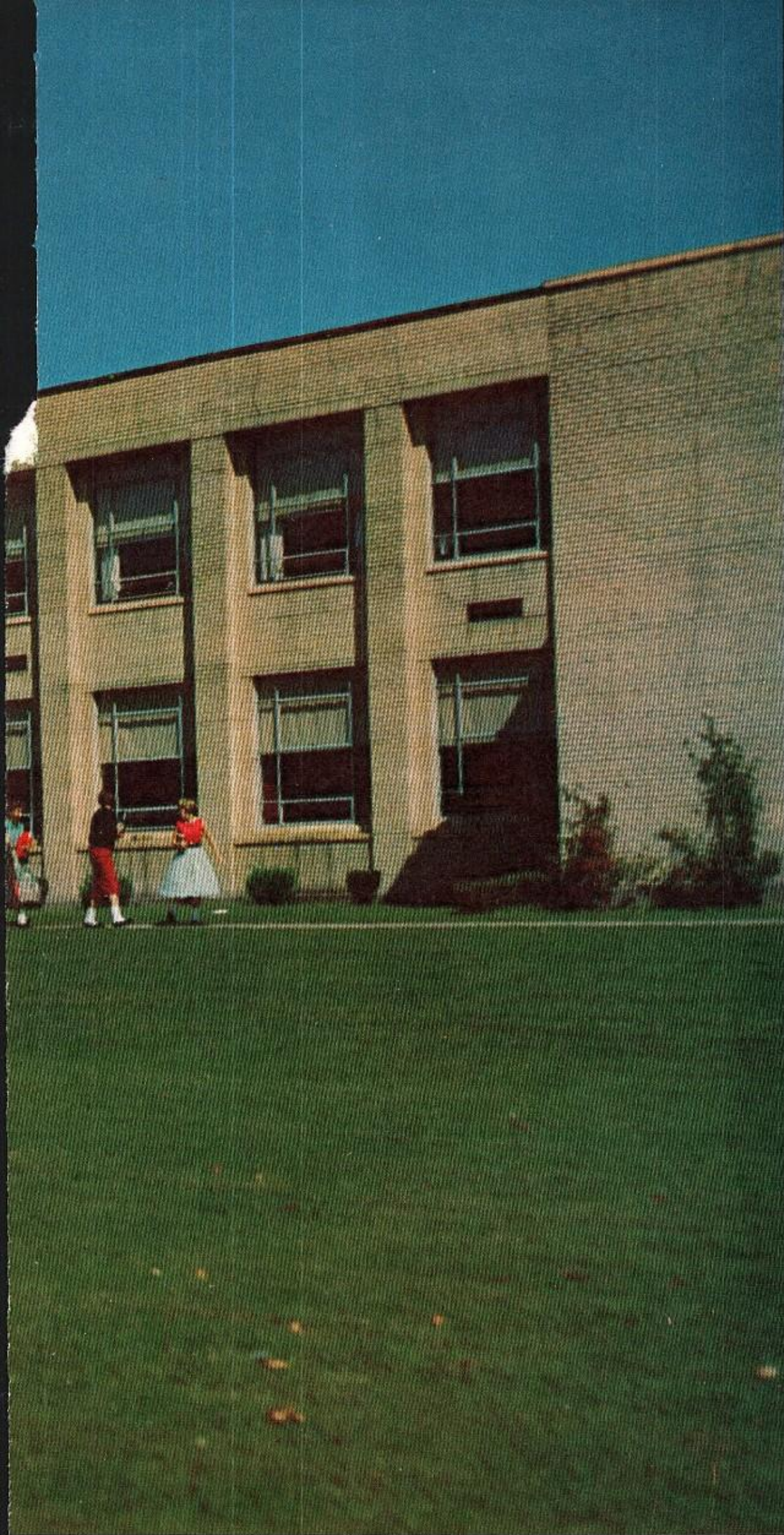
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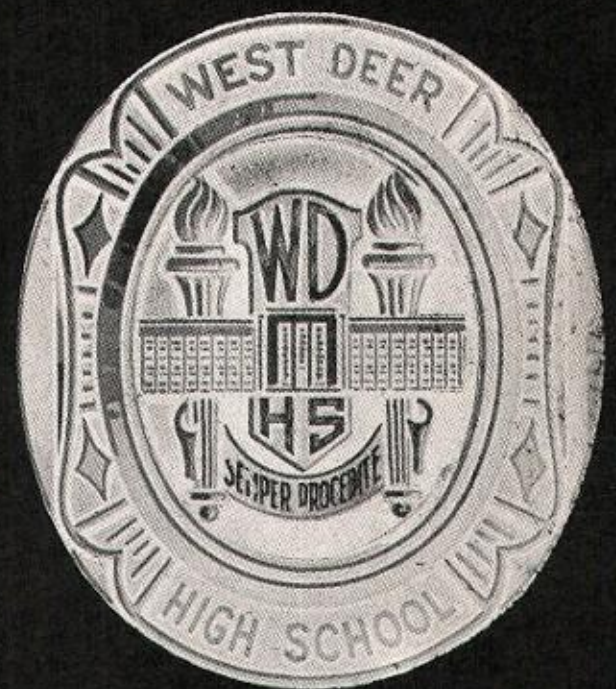


ALMA MATER

Where the hills of Pennsylvania
Rim a cloudless hue,
Proudly stands our West Deer High School
'Neath the heavens blue.

Raise her banner,
Bear it onward
Through success or fame
While our hearts and voices echo
Hail, dear West Deer, Hail!

Always forward, Alma Mater,
Proud to bear thy name;
And the clouds reach down to meet you
In your lasting fame.
Loved by all, maroon and white,
We'll always cherish you—
Loyal hearts of West Deer High School
Hail! All hail to you.



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West Deer High School

West Deer Twp., Pa.

Join Us In:

A Written and Pictorial History
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FOREWORD . . .

Searching for the Educational Pot of Gold

Sixteen years ago workmen shaped a mass of cement blocks, bricks, and mortar. Citizens proudly named the structure "West Deer Twp. High School."

Since the moment the doors first flung open to receive the community's youth, the interior of this building has become the scene of a relentless search—the search for the "educational pot of gold."

Each early morning the seekers arrive. Each later afternoon they depart, some weary, some still energetic, but each a step nearer to turning dreams of the future into realities.

The path toward this educational pot of gold is one of long winding curves paved with textbooks, blackboards, sliderules, typewriters, film strips, and exams.

At times the road may seem steep, rain slicked, and the grade impossible to climb. In other instances

putting forth the best possible effort may reap only the weed of discouragement. It is during times comparable to these that the promise of obtaining the educational pot of gold shines most brilliantly and sustains the will to keep fighting.

The most attractive feature concerning the search is that no individual fails unless he sincerely desires to do so. Members of the teaching staff dedicate their lives to aiding a student who desires to learn.

In reality then, the educational pot of gold is actually within the grasp of each student at West Deer High School. All that is required of the student is that he be willing to gain knowledge and avail himself of the opportunities so ably provided.

The 1959 Coalagra is compiled to serve as photographic proof that the students of West Deer High School are doing exactly that.

Dr. Casile Leads Toil for Quality Education

By an overwhelming majority the seniors elected to dedicate this 1959 Coalagra to a West Deer educator of the highest quality.

This educator has become the leader of unrelentless toil toward finding and establishing means for quality education. Immediately, all know this man is Dr. Bruno A. Casile. Humbly refusing to accept honored credit due him, the brilliant West Deer administrator attempts to brush off all praises for a job well done to his fellow staff members and to the students themselves.

Nevertheless, all know quite well that it has been the constant flow of ideas, based on years of research and study, coming out of the director of instruction's office that has made West Deer High School actually the education pace-setter in this area.

This term Dr. Casile completes his 13th year at West Deer. He began as a science teacher. His able and understanding ways with students later earned him the position of director of guidance. His accomplishments in this field make up another chapter of successes for West Deer High School.

In 1951, after years of hard work and many personal sacrifices, he was awarded a Doctor's Degree by Pitt. Thus, he became the first and only educator in the history of West Deer High School to earn education's highest individual honor.

The '59 Coalagra staff realizes Dr. Casile will frown upon being singled out for commendations in a profession that requires ability and cooperation from all concerned. However, the staff realizes, too, as did the senior class, that this tribute is long overdue, and that the achievements mentioned here don't even scratch the surface of all Dr. Casile has accomplished for the good of West Deer High School.



DR. BRUNO A. CASILE
DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION



IT'S THIS WAY FOLKS—Dr. Casile, left, exchanges quips with a group at the first in-service program this year. From left are Mr. Burns, superintendent; Mr. Harris, guest speaker from the West Penn Power Co.; Mr. Petrina, principal; Mr. Stevenson, elementary supervisor, and Mrs. Stout, president of the West Deer Twp. School Board.

Within the Hallowed Halls of West Deer High

Where does one begin the quest for the educational pot of gold in West Deer Twp?

Immediately, the search takes one to the hallowed halls of West Deer High School, the township's center of learning.

Once again in 1958-59, increased enrollment kept the school bulging at its seams. Enrollment climbed to a new record high of 837 students. How to accommodate them with adequate classrooms and up to date equipment became a major problem.

Alleviating the situation somewhat was the decision to remodel the former ag and shop building into modern classrooms. The project was successfully completed, and in October the rooms were ready for use. Art, printing, science, mechanical drawing, and regular shop classes were some groups that put the rooms to immediate and effective use.

This remodeling became the latest in a series of building renovations which have become necessary through the years. The original West Deer High School building was first opened in 1942. At that time there were less than 300 students using the building and facilities.

Enrollment increased at a rapid tempo that in 1954 new accommodations were needed. An administration suite, the shop building, new classrooms, a health and guidance suite, band room and cafeteria were some of the additions and modernizations at that time.

How about the future? What is the outlook? Can the present facilities take the brunt of an enrollment which is expected to climb over the 1,000 mark within three years? What will it be—more classrooms? . . . new additions? . . . a new senior high school?

These are the momentous problems facing West Deer citizens as they seek to provide the "educational pot of gold" for their children.

WITH MAJESTIC GRANDEUR (Right)—A scene familiar to all students is the majestic, towering view of the high school front entrance.

REMODELED THIS YEAR (Bottom)—Bulging enrollment necessitated more effective use of the old ag and shop building. Many new classes were held in the building after the interior was remodeled.



Lies the Treasure

READY FOR INSPECTION (Right)—A view of West Deer's sparkling interior, the path tread daily by some 800 students on their way to various classrooms.



DAY IS DONE (Bottom)—It's a homeward trek and West Deer High is left behind as another day concludes.



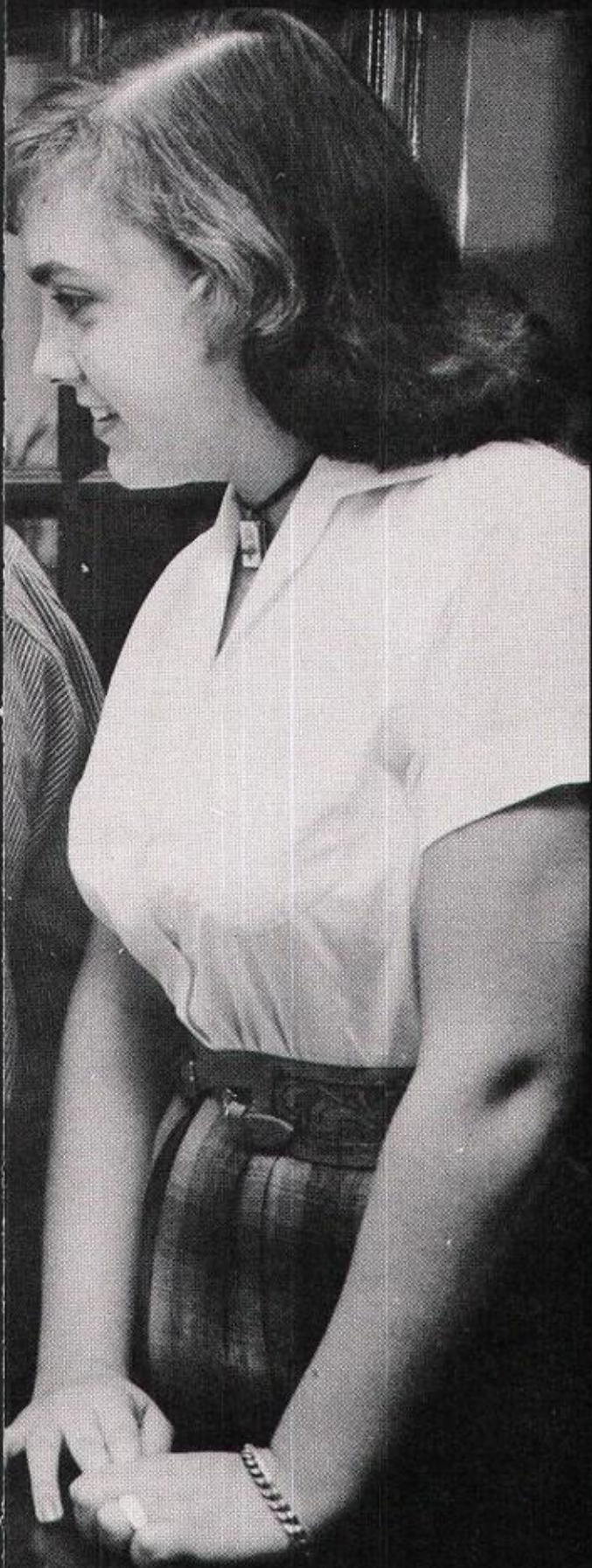
WEST DEER PANORAMA—A view from across the football field.



PERSONNEL...



Hard Working Personnel Secret to WD Efficiency



Students of West Deer High School have come to realize that the search for the educational pot of gold certainly could not be conducted without the faithful support of the entire school's personnel, everyone from teacher to bus driver.

Although many don't realize it, a working personnel of nearly 100 people is employed by the school district to aid the students of West Deer High. This list includes the administrators, teachers, secretaries, maintenance men and women, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, as well as school board members, etc. Each member of the staff directly influences the efficiency of education at West Deer in one way or another.

Reviewing the year, one could note many changes in West Deer's personnel. A major administration shift highlighted the beginning of the term. WD's principal for the past 14 years, Mr. William E. Burns, was promoted to the position of superintendent. Mr. Matthew F. Petrino was elected new principal.

Among the teaching ranks, Mrs. Betty Harper and Mrs. Norma Scherer relinquished their positions here, while new instructors hired during the year included Mr. Arnold Capellman, Mr. William Suttie, Miss Joan Bossert, and Mrs. Virginia Roemhild.

A major loss to the school district was Mrs. Daniel Angeloni, the superintendent's secretary for the past eight years, who resigned her position after a short illness. Added to the clerical staff was Miss Louise Mennow, a '58 WD alumna and former Homecoming Queen.

Everybody missed "Pete" Vukelich, the amicable janitor, who retired in order "to get a little fishing in." Replacing Mr. Vukelich was Mr. Dan Cajka.

Jointure, Coal Rights Head Big Decisions

In addition to planning and formulating policies to administer and govern the routine, more often complicated, business of a school district, the school board members this term had to tackle many other problems that arose.

Many meetings were spent discussing the future of the school district. It was becoming quite evident that overcrowding would deluge the senior high school in the next couple of years. What was to be done? Could the district afford building a new high school on its own? Should the district, instead, take the advice of county supervisors and combine with neighboring districts? It was a big decision—and one that had to be made soon.

Another toughie that arose during the year was whether to buy coal rights under the school district properties. The Republic Steel mining operations were heading toward the school building areas. The decisions of when and how much to buy, without causing financial chaos, faced the school directors.

During the year board members met for meetings over 50 times, not counting the many committee meetings held. All this was done by a group of devoted township citizens who serve without pay as members of the West Deer Board of Education.

PROBLEMS—A big decision board members had to make during the year was concerning the purchase of coal under the school district properties. This was necessary to eliminate the possibility of future land subsidence damaging valuable buildings. Looking over the underground coal map for the area are, from left, Mr. Siegel, board solicitor; Mr. Morris, Republic Steel mining engineer; Mr. Burns, superintendent; Mr. Buydoso, Mrs. Stout, Mr. Semko, and Mr. Castello. Coal rights were later purchased.

HEAD MAN—Current president of the West Deer board is George Vranesh, Sr. Mr. Vranesh is now a veteran member of the board who has served in every official capacity. He lives in Russellton and has one son, George, Jr., who was elected president of the senior class.



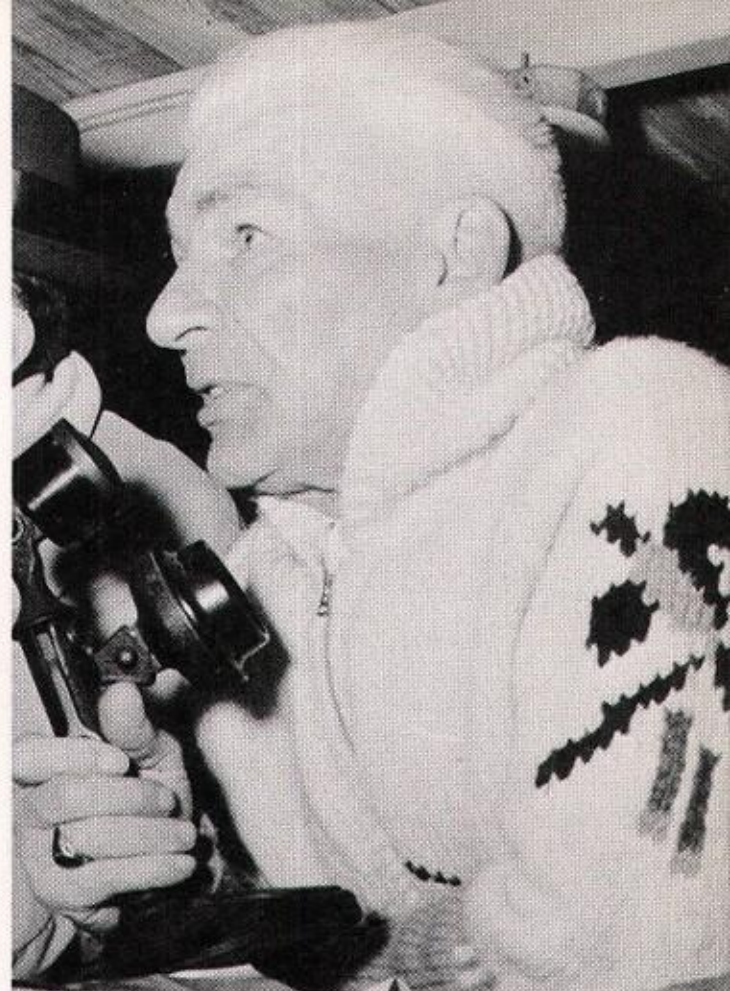
STUDENTS' BUDDY—Mrs. Edna Mae Stout completed her term as board president in January. A resident of Allegheny Acres, Mrs. Stout has become a favorite with the students for her constant willingness to help in every way. She is the only woman on the board.



For School Board During '58-'59



STILL GOING STRONG (Below)—Robert Graham, noted for his dynamic abilities of oratory, marked his 18th year as member of the West Deer Board of Education. He received particular honors during the year when he was nominated for a post on county school board.



DEVOTED TO WEST DEER (Above)—Another highly respected member of the West Deer board was John Falconer. Mr. Falconer found it necessary to resign his position on the board early in February because his job required him to be out of the district a good deal. Mr. Falconer is noted for his intense interest in promoting clean, top caliber sportsmanship. He is a familiar sight in the football field press booth where he serves as official play-by-play grid announcer.



LITTLE CHAT—Members of the board take a short break from official procedure and enjoy a brief chat. From left are Mr. Semko, Mr. Buydoso, Mrs. Stout, Mr. Burns, Mr. Vranesh, and Mr. Castello. Incidentally, Mr. Castello is the real "dean" of the West Deer board. He marked his 20th year of service with the board this term.

New Men, Mr. Burns and Mr. Petrina Head

It was a history-making year at West Deer High School, as far as the administration set-up was concerned.

The first big news happened near the end of the last school term when Mr. Burns was given a long-deserved promotion. After 14 successful years as West Deer High principal, Mr. Burns was upped to the position of superintendent of the school district. His efficient ways as a principal just seemed to carry over to his new duties.

Friends jestingly say that the new West Deer superintendent really has two "bad habits." One is the ever watchful eye he keeps on school district expenses. Needless spending just doesn't exist while Mr. Burns is around, and, of course, the taxpayers profit from his "habit." The second "bad habit" is that Mr. Burns can be found in one of the school district buildings almost 24 hours a day. Whether it be official business, activities, an inspection tour, or just helping an organization that's using the building, Mr. Burns will be there.

The second biggest news of the year in administrative circles was the appointment of Mr. Petrina as new high school principal. Mr. Petrina came to West Deer with a wealth of previous teaching and administrative experience, most of it gained in the schools of his hometown in Rankin. Many new ideas were brought to West Deer by Mr. Petrina, and they all helped to make his first year successful in every way.

The third of West Deer's "Big Three," Dr. Casile marked his 13th year as a teacher and administrator in this district. And once again the now well-known director of instruction continued in his efforts to make the West Deer school district recognized as the leader in academic achievements.

Many of Dr. Casile's ideas and the work carried on in West Deer schools gained nationwide attention after several articles by Dr. Casile appeared in national educational magazines.

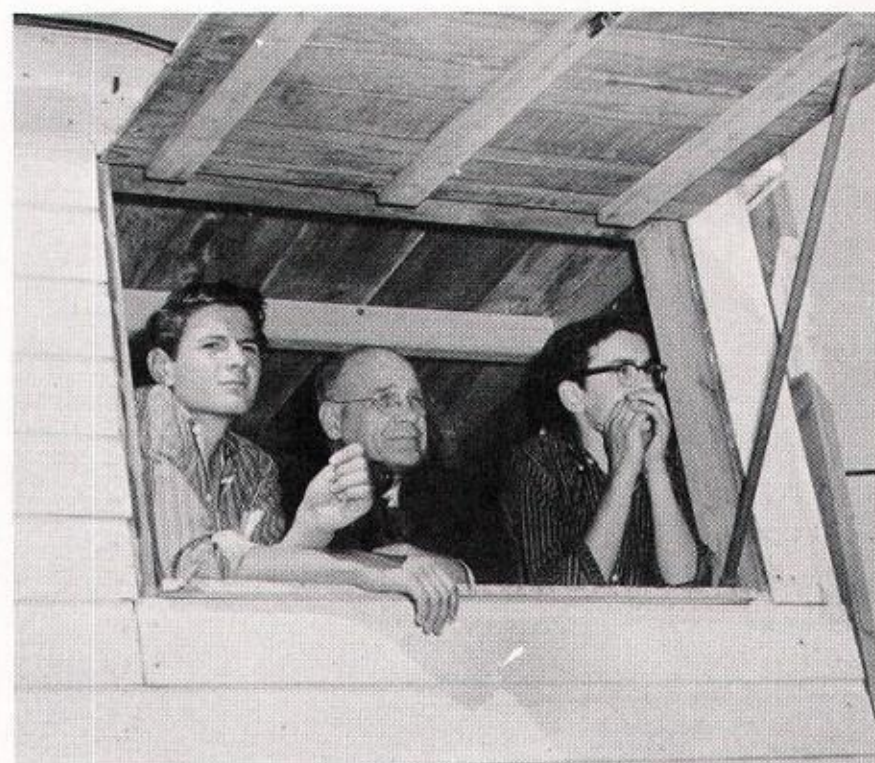
FOR A BETTER WEST DEER—Dr. Casile, left, director of instruction, confers with Mr. Monnier, chemistry teacher, about his views on projects and innovations to be made in the curriculum. Teachers as well as students have daily conferences with Dr. Casile concerning any difficulties they may incur. Dr. Casile also is in charge of curriculum planning and instruction in the elementary grades. He periodically observes the effectiveness of instruction in West Deer schools by personally sitting in on classes taught by all teachers.



WILLIAM E. BURNS
Superintendent



DR. BRUNO A. CASILE
Director of Instruction



BIRD'S EYE VIEW (Above)—You just can never tell where WD's superintendent Mr. Burns will pop up. He always seems to be at the right place at the right time. Here he joins Ron Storoz and Jim Nolker in viewing some activities from the press booth.



Offices of Superintendent and Principal



MATTHEW F. PETRINA
Principal

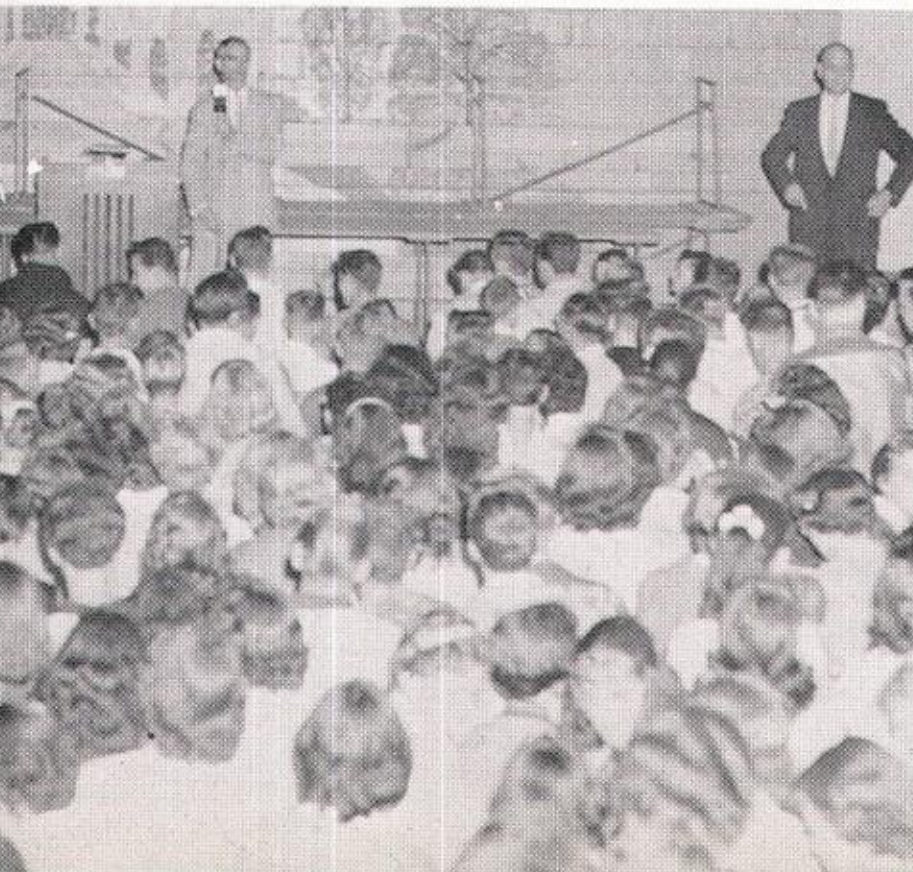


EDUCATIONAL TRIO—Into the laps of these three men, Dr. Casile, Mr. Burns, and Mr. Petrina, are dumped many of the momentous and delicate problems of education in West Deer Twp. The decisions that have to be made relate to many, many areas. Sometimes they concern the instructional staff, sometimes the students themselves, sometimes the personnel of the school district, and often times the parents and citizens of the local township. Those are some of the reasons why only the most devoted and most able type of educators can assume the honor of being an administrator. Their constant toil truly never ends.



BRIEF CONFERENCE—Elaine Turner has a short pow-wow with the boss man, Mr. Petrina, on something important at the moment. A day in the life of a principal runs the gamut from literally hundreds of conferences with students to 101 other duties.

WELCOME BACK (Below)—This picture, taken by Coalagra photographer Tony Busin, has historical significance. It was taken on the first day of school when Mr. Petrina addressed the students for the first time. The new West Deer principal welcomed the "eager" students from their summer vacations. Moments later everyone was head deep in '59 term.



GIRL FRIDAY—If you would add up all the pennies you would easily discover that a school district is actually worth several million dollars. The man appointed by taxpayers to oversee that investment is the superintendent of a school district. In West Deer that responsibility lies with Mr. Burns. Naturally many of the responsibilities of his office are handled by his secretary, Mrs. Angeloni, seen here examining one of the many local and state reports due almost daily.

West Deer's Busy Beavers: The Secretaries



FAITHFUL SECRETARY (Above)—It was with a feeling of regret that the School Board accepted the resignation of Mrs. Angeloni, secretary to the superintendent. Mrs. Angeloni had won the admiration and respect of all for her accurate management of office duties over the past eight years. Several times during those years she was the only secretary employed by the school district and saved taxpayers considerable money by handling alone office duties of all the township schools.

MAKE IT GOOD, JOHN! (Right)—Mrs. Pussic, the principal's secretary, listens patiently, and a bit amused, at the excuse John Sobotka gives for being sent to the office. Through her courteous ways and her rapid-fashion manner of getting things done, Mrs. Pussic has endeared herself to all, students and teachers alike. The Varsity Club acknowledged her willingness to always lend a hand by awarding her an official WD jacket.

For the West Deer High School secretaries, the 1958-59 school term turned out to be extremely eventful—in more ways than one.

The biggest thing to happen was the resignation of Mrs. Angeloni as head secretary. Mrs. Angeloni became ill in December and found it necessary to relinquish her duties after serving the school district faithfully and efficiently for eight years.

Miss Louise Mennow, a '58 West Deer graduate, was hired to assist Mrs. Klukaszewski.

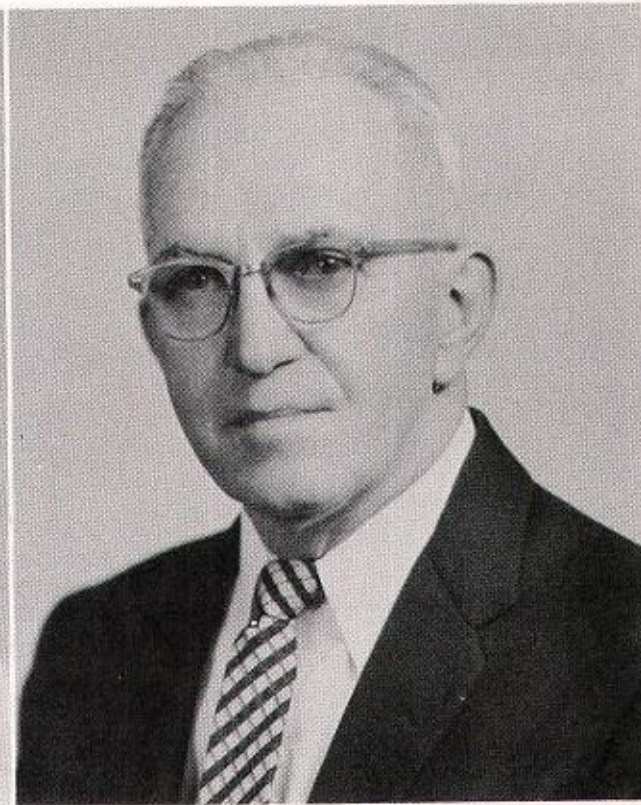
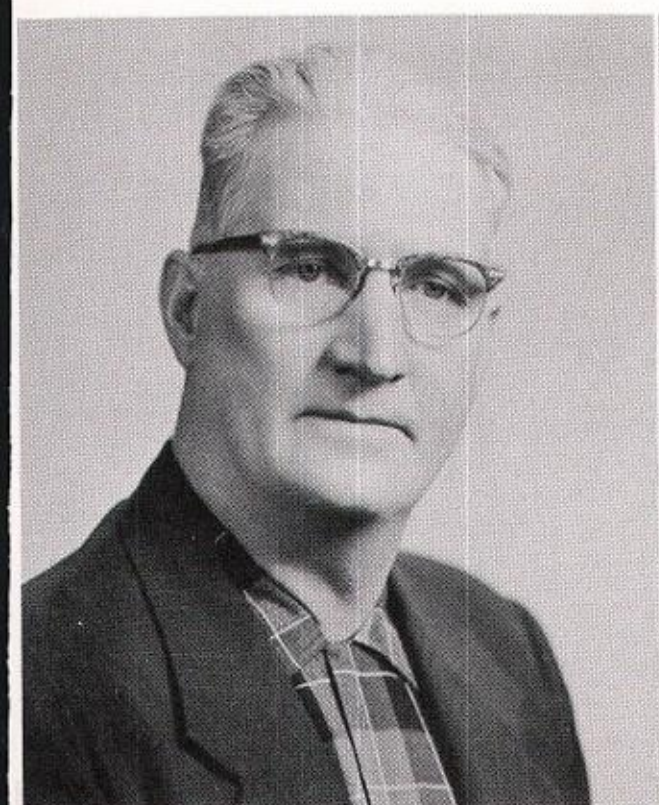
Other news included the fact that both secretaries, Mrs. Klukaszewski and Mrs. Pussic, were married during the past summer. Mrs. Klukaszewski was the former Anne Vasilcik, WD '56, and Mrs. Pussic was the former Marion Schiberl, also WD '56.



BACK IN SCHOOL (Left)—It was back again to her alma mater for Louise Mennow, who was hired in January to assist in the office. The good record Louise left behind as a student earned her a job in the superintendent's office.

THE NEW CHIEF (Right)—Mrs. Klukaszewski, also a former honor student at West Deer High School, took over the highly important chores of being the superintendent's chief secretary. Included in her duties is preparing the monthly payroll which totals in the thousands of dollars. This is Mrs. Klukaszewski's third year at West Deer.



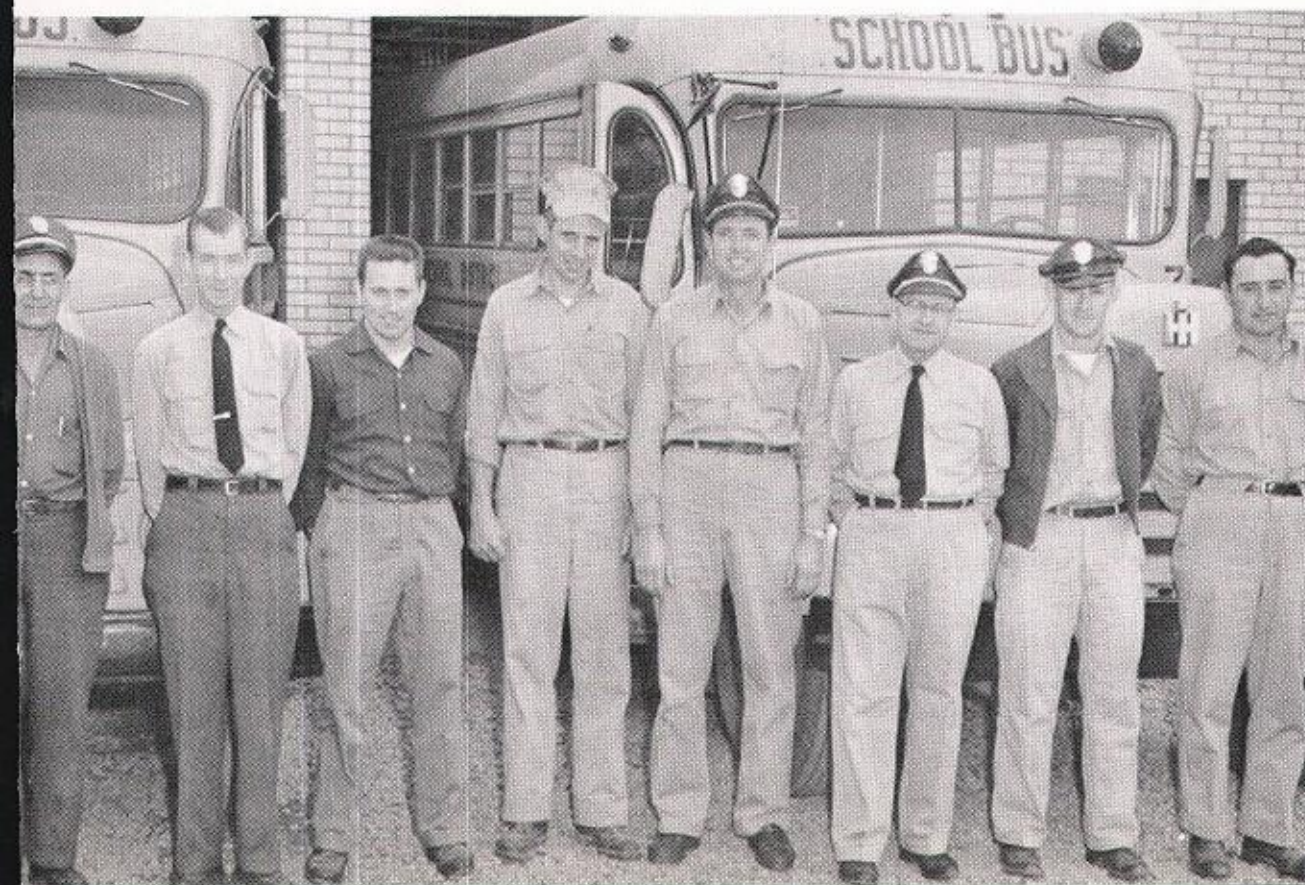


MAINTENANCE WIZARD—Probably no man has devoted his life to West Deer schools as much as Mr. Elmer Reed, the maintenance supervisor. Holding the position since the school was built in 1942, Mr. Reed knows the school plant better than any person.

CAFETERIA BOSS—Mrs. Edna Corbett has ably served as West Deer's food supervisor for the past two years. Her responsibilities include the supervising preparations of nearly 1,000 Grade A lunches served daily at the cafeteria here and in Curtisville.

GREAT ASSET—One of the best things ever to happen in the West Deer school district was the hiring of Mr. Alfred H. Ekas as transportation supervisor. In his six years at WD, Mr. Ekas has never missed a day's work as chief of West Deer's fleet.

Loyal Workers Are Key to WD Efficiency



EVERYBODY NEEDED—It takes many loyal, hard workers to keep a school plant operating with top efficiency. Some of those workers are pictured here. Upper left are the cafeteria workers. From left are Mrs. Fedison, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Chaballa, Mrs. Cherubini, Mrs. Mahnick, Mrs. Tomiczek, Mrs. Vidic, Mrs. A. Simonetti, and Mrs. Kranker.

UPPER RIGHT—The janitresses who have the big job of cleaning the entire high school at night are, from left, Mrs. Henry, Mrs. L. Burdek, Mrs. Bucci, and Mrs. Vucetic.

LEFT—Mighty popular with the students were this year's bus drivers. They are, from left, Mr. D'Amico, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Norris, Mr. Gray, Mr. Gromika, Mr. Tipe, Mr. Christy, and Mr. Jura. Missing is Mr. A. Trevellini.

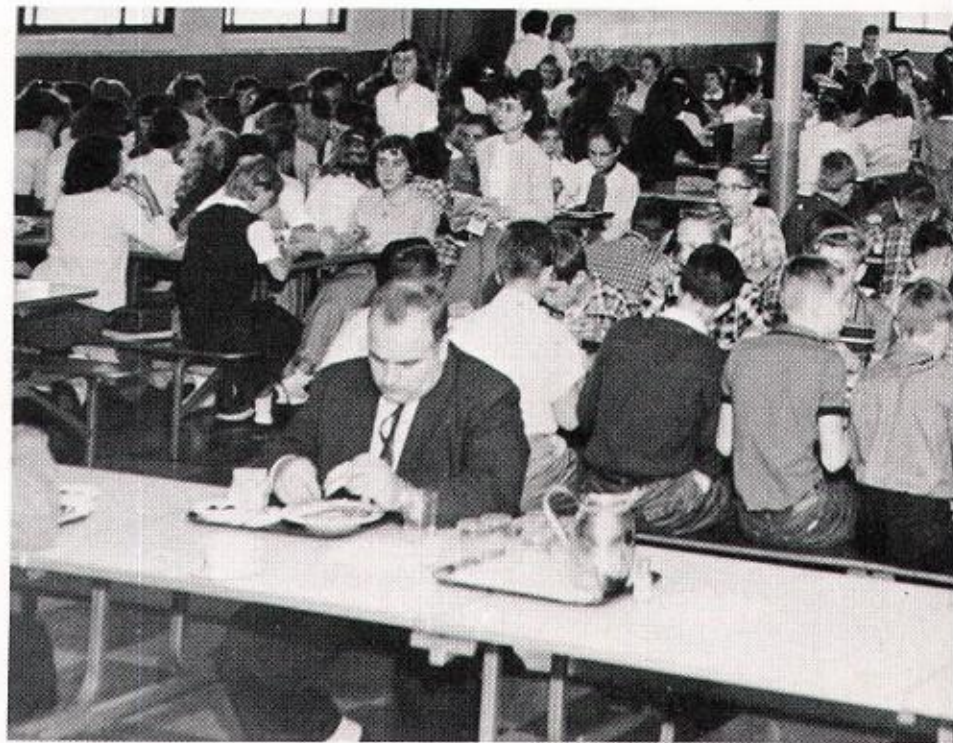
Keeping West Deer Humming Is a

Maintenance men, cafeteria workers, bus drivers, all join in one way or another in making it easier for the West Deer student to achieve his educational pot of gold.

The West Deer High maintenance men are responsible for the saving of thousands of dollars to township taxpayers. Whenever something goes wrong in the school plant, they usually can handle the situation without calling in high-charging service men.

Nationally, as well as at WD, the importance of the cafeteria worker is looming. Many have come to realize that the school meal is often the most healthful food eaten by a student the entire day.

The bus drivers won particular praise this year for how they came through during the winter season. Even though snowfalls and below-zero weather set all-time records, the bus drivers got through each early morning and afternoon—right on schedule.

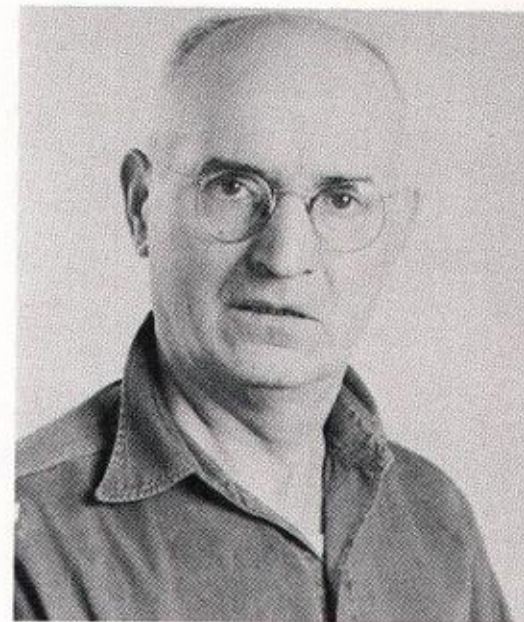


CHOW TIME AT WEST DEER—If by chance you walked into one of the three lunch periods at WD, this would be a typical scene. Teachers, as well as students, enjoy nutritious lunches in this modern cafeteria operated by Mrs. Corbett and her staff. Lunch periods are 22 minutes in length. Immediately before and after lunch, students are in their classes without a wasted minute. More than 800 students eat their lunch here every day.



FANCY WHEELING—Bill Graham, veteran West Deer maintenance man, expertly handles a mean mower in front of the high school building. West Deer High's beautiful green campus is a tribute to fine work done by the men.

NEWEST STAFF MEMBER (Right)—Dan Cajka is the newest member of the West Deer High maintenance staff. Mr. Cajka, who formerly was in charge of the Baird school, took over in place of "Pete" Vukelich, the well-liked janitor, who retired earlier this term.



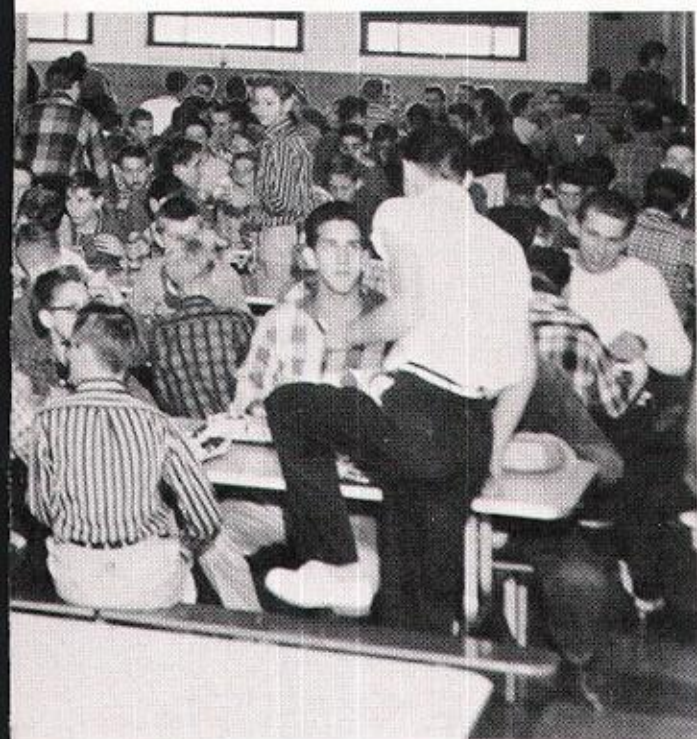
MANY DUTIES (Left)—Maintenance man George Skillen mans the ash cart. It's one of the many duties handled by the always busy West Deer maintenance men. Incidentally, Mr. Skillen is remembered as a top area basketball player.



LITTLE TOUCH-UP JOB (Below)—Overhauling bus motors is a job Mr. Ekas must take on from time to time in order to keep WD's fleet of buses in top efficiency. Mr. Ekas' hard work and devotion to duty has made him a valuable member of WD's staff.



Mighty Big Job



DOWN THE HATCH (Above)—Harry Arbuthnot demonstrates how to effectively dispose of a plate of spaghetti in just a few forkfulls! Spaghetti, which is served several times a month, is one of the students' favorite meals. A full course, including milk, dessert, etc., accompanies each meal.

UMM UMM GOOD—Lorraine Halovanic, Mary Allison, Carol Baumgartel, and Mildred Kratz enjoy another of the cafeteria staff's nutritional specialties. Price of a student lunch is 30 cents to the student himself. The real value of the lunch is over 75 cents. The state and federal governments help to reimburse actual money spent.



PREPARING FOR THE BIG MEAL—Mrs. Kranker, above, and Mrs. Baker have a lot of cutting to do as they help prepare for the day's meal. Approximately 400 students a day eat a hot lunch in West Deer's cafeteria, and this necessitates quick, efficient preparation. The West Deer cafeteria has constantly received a high rating from state authorities.

DEPARTMENTS . . .



Maximum Development Is Goal of WD Education

American public education, and therefore education at West Deer High School, is dedicated to the goal of providing the maximum development of each child so that he may have the knowledge, skills, and abilities that will enable him to live a useful and happy life.

To meet the varied needs of all and, at the same time, strive toward the objective of maximum development for all pupils, the administrative staff has initiated several programs.

In the junior high school a modified form of grouping according to ability was organized and implemented to provide the remedial help necessary for academically retarded students and an enriched, accelerated program for the bright students.

To permit the establishment of advanced classes in specific subject matter areas in the senior high school, it was necessary to up-grade several areas. The first effort towards this objective was the setting up of an accelerated class for Algebra I. The bright 8th grade students possessing the necessary abilities and attitudes for mathematics were permitted to schedule Algebra I in place of general mathematics.

For 9th grade students an accelerated or advanced class was implemented. It was felt that, in this way, a more enriched and more challenging program could be offered to those students with exceptional talents.

In accordance to recommendations of the State Dept. of Public Instruction, a developmental reading program was established in junior high school. This afforded all students an opportunity to increase their reading skills and abilities.

Recognizing the important fact that curriculum improvement is a continuous process of systematizing and arranging for the effective employment of personnel and instructional material, the West Deer school district has continued its analysis of the curricular offering. During the year the science program was subjected to a thorough analysis by the Science Dept. teachers.

On the elementary level, teacher curriculum committees concentrated on elaborate study of three areas: reading, science, and arithmetic.

Some day a basic foundation in all areas of education will result in the successful quest of the educational pot of gold for each and every student.



Reading, Writing, and Speaking Get Emphasis

A revival of formal instruction in all phases of work to provide for more efficient reading, writing, and speaking featured the work done this term in English classes.

At West Deer a student can insure a more successful future by selecting the English course of instruction geared for the work he will be doing in the future.

If he wishes to prepare for college or more advanced schooling, he selects the academic English courses. Here the emphasis is placed on well constructed research papers and themes.

A business English course is available for those persons who think their future includes clerical or secretarial work.

Others who wish an overall knowledge of the proper use of their language select the general English course.



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II . . . Antler, Yearbook.



MRS. J. DIGIROLAMO
A.B. . . . English 8, 9, 10
Cheerleaders, FTA.



STEPHEN FORMENT
B.S. . . . French I,
English 10 . . . Juni
Class Sponsor, Fren
Club, Activities Comm
tee.



SIX STEPS TO AN "A"—Miss Jarema, academic English instructor, demonstrates the correct course of action in achieving an outstanding research paper. Studious onlookers are, from left, Garnet Tomiczek, Nancy Weaver, and Dot Puskar, seniors.



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II, Speech II, Academic
English . . . National
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Class Play, Legion Ora-
torical coach.



HARRY G. SIEGEL
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8, Social Studies .
Student Congress, PS
Legislative Committee



AHH, THOSE FARAWAY PLACES (Above)—Pretty Dorene Kerr is in a dreamy mood as she ponders over the sights of distant lands as recorded in the magazine before her. West Deer's well equipped library has much available for the English student.



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ON THE AIR IN 15 SECONDS (Left)—JoAnn DeLuca, Janice Hudon, and Pat Lasick stand by as John Sobotka prepares to push the "on" button of the school public address system. The members of speech class then take charge of Bible reading, flag salute, and other phases of the daily devotional period.

In English Classes

Learning in English classes was not confined solely to the textbooks. Oral participation in a classroom played a major role in molding a confident individual.

Sometimes field trips helped to emphasize certain material being studied in the classroom. A particularly valuable trip was the one taken by future writers in the Journalism class to the Pittsburgh Sun-Tele.

Along with studying our own language, students found it quite fashionable to possess the ability to speak in a different tongue. Four courses in Latin and French were available in that area of instruction.

In a year when expenditures were kept to a minimum, English and language departments operated in a truly superior manner in every sense of the word.



PATRIA NOSTRA EST AMERICA—John Harriman, Len DeLuca, Nick Kamzalow, and Bob Gestrich get ready for Latin class by reviewing the previous day's assignment. The boys were gunning for an "A" on a vocabulary test which was due to be given on that particular day.



FAMOUS NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER—Often times much can be learned in an area of writing by utilizing special field trips, as these journalism students did. Here they meet with Allan C. Nichols, nationally famous publisher of the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph. An interesting tour through the newspaper plant was arranged for the delighted "reporters" by the father of Tom Griffith. From left are Jackee Stepp, Tom Griffith, Pat Makuta, Tom Fry, Mr. Nichols, John Harriman, Ellen Wetzell, and Mr. Griffith, who is an accountant with the Sun Telegraph.

AND THEY LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER—Dee Gizienski captures everyone's attention as she summarizes the contents of a novel during a report session in reading class. Freshmen practiced speaking effectively in many ways such as parliamentary procedure, round-table discussions, court trials. This was in addition to regular work in grammar and readings of famous literature.



Publications Attract Creative WD Writers

A sincere attempt to eliminate the extra-curricular frills connected with publications and make them an actual experience in creative writing and human communications was the goal at West Deer this year.

Students who demonstrated skills and talents in fields related to publications were invited to enroll in an early morning Journalism II Class.

Their job was to further perfect these skills by actual work on *The Antler*, the student weekly newspaper, and *The Coalagra*, the student yearbook.

Teacher of the course was Mr. Angeloni, a veteran newspaper man and photographer, and publications adviser for the past four years.

The end result can best be summed up by the fact that both the newspaper and yearbook won first place awards in international judging for the third consecutive year.

Carole Buttyan, as editor-in-chief of the *Coalagra*, assumed the biggest student job in the school. She came through with flying colors, as this yearbook proves. John Sobotka was associate editor. All staff members took part in various phases of the work.

The cover for the '59 *Coalagra* was designed by Jackee Stepp, a talented 9th grader. The senior seal was devised by Charlotte Callen, a senior.

On the business side of the yearbook, Kathy Farrasso and Joyce Bowersox were in charge. Highest advertising revenue was gathered by these two, along with Nancy Bizich, Fran Mehalic, and Dorothy Bodnar. They were rewarded with an educational tour of New York City for their hard working efforts.

The *Antler*, in its 16th year, was headed by Dorothy Puskar, who will rank as one of the most capable *Antler* editors in history.

Another record was established by *The Antler* when it published a total of 35 editions, more than ever before. Student writers accounted for a total of 8,500 column inches of written material, quite a feat for teen-age authors.

Most significant change in the *Antler* this year was the three-dimension writing contributed by Pat Makuta, a creative junior who specialized in feature stories with an unusual twist. An outstanding sports page, too, was headed by John Sobotka.

Hard work by typist Ruth Filo, assisted by Joanne Mozuch, enabled the *Antler* to meet its fast weekly production schedule. The business side was featured by the efficiency established in the circulation department by Dorothy Bodnar. Complete, accurate records and statistics were kept, and circulation was extended to alumni via mail.

The entire publications staff worked diligently in being self-sustained. Infringements on other classes, as had been experienced in past years, were almost totally eliminated. Even yearbook group picture days were eliminated so that no classes would be disrupted. Naturally, this meant many additional hours of work on their own time on the part of the publication staff and its faculty advisers.

It is at this point that the staff members can reminisce of the laborious publications class tasks and point with pride to their accomplishments that will stand as monuments to them forever—the 1958-59 *Antler* and the 1959 *Coalagra*.

WORLD FAMOUS—Dorothy Puskar, center, *Antler* editor, has a little fun "cross examining" Louis Untermeyer, internationally famous poet and author. Mr. Untermeyer was a guest panelist at a young writers' workshop held in the University of Pittsburgh. Members of the West Deer publications staff were on hand for the important program. Mr. Untermeyer confided to the staff members that he was a faithful reader of the West Deer *Antler* and wouldn't miss an issue! Enjoying the chat session are, from left, Tom Fry, Andi Nether, Puskar, Untermeyer, Carole Buttyan, and Nancy Weaver, *Antler* writers.





REALLY SMASHED THAT DEADLINE!—Carole Buttyan, editor-in-chief of the '59 Coalagra, and John Sobotka, associate editor, give out with the smiles indicating that the yearbook deadline must have been met. Putting in many, many after-school hours, the two have masterminded a pictorial and word history that will stand with the best.



WE'LL DO IT—After the editor the second biggest job on the yearbook staff is that of business manager. Nearly \$4,000 has to be raised and some 500 yearbooks accurately sold and distributed. Kathy Farrasso, left, and Joyce Bowersox made much of what seemed almost impossible as they handled yearbook finances and records in an A-1 business manner.



GIVE ME AN IDEA—Patty Makuta, The Antler's sensational feature writer, asks her fellow staff members for an idea as deadline draws near. Helping her out are, from left, Larry Sobotka, Tony Busin, and John Sobotka, all staff writers.



EFFICIENCY EXPERTS—Typing for the Antler and yearbook kept Joanne Mozuch and Ruth Filo, two of the school's best typists, plenty busy. Efficiency and accuracy were their mottos and mistakes were rare. They'll be missed next year.



CIRCULATION GOING UP—Antler circulation manager Dot Bodnar studies the sales chart to see if her advertising schemes boosted weekly sales.



DAVINCI'S CREW (Left)—Responsible for the excellent art work in The Antler this year were these three top-notch creators, Jackee Stepp, Frank Matko, and Wally Andzrejewski, all undergrads.

FIX THIS, LARRY (Right)—Antler managing editor George Vranesh gives Larry Sobotka's column "Spinner Sanctum" a critique and analysis.





INTRIGUING WORK—Visiting the Sun-Telegraph newspaper plant for a closer look at newspaper production were these members of the journalism classes. Watching a linotyper at work are, from left, Pat Makuta, Ellen Wetzel, John Harriman, Jackee Stepp, Tom Fry, and Tom Griffith. The Sun-Telegraph was one of several places visited this year.



WELCOME BACK (Above)—Mr. Angeloni, publications' adviser, and Carole Buttyan, yearbook editor, enjoy a chat with Cadet Bob Livingston, of VPI. Bob was editor of the '58 Coalagra.

AUXILIARY STAFFERS (Left)—Contributing much to the successful publication of a weekly Antler were these staff members. First row, from left, Garnet Tomiczek, Dee Charney, Dian Bassett, Sally Rymer. Second row, Ann Latronica, Leah Bryan, Marian Kenyon, Joyce Arbogast, Carol Dickey, Sandy Massimino.

RARE MOMENT—There were rare (!) moments during the year when the publications staff actually beat a deadline! Of course, these far-and-few-between occasions called for a spontaneous celebration in the Pub Room. Taking part in the celebration are, in front, Tony Busin, Dot Puskar, Kathy Farrasso, Nancy Bizich, Ruth Filo, Andi Nether, Joyce Bowersox. In back, Carole Buttyan, Tom Fry, Larry Sobotka, John Sobotka, George Vranesh, and the Antler artist, Wally Andzrejewski.



COME AND GET IT!—An Army cook dishes it out to members of the publications staff during their tour of the Nike Site on Rich Hill Road. The hungry staff members are, from left, Tony Busin, Wally Andzrejewski, Nancy Bizich, Andi Nether, Dot Puskar, Ruth Filo, Kathy Farrassó, Ann Latronica, and Joyce Bowersox. The tour of the site proved valuable to the staff members in that they were able to better understand the defense of Pittsburgh area and the latest electronic equipment used. Also, the staff watched the Army in action.



RADAR SCANNING DEVICE—Pfc. Preston Reid, of Abilene, Texas, and now stationed at the Rich Hill Nike Site, was one of the guides for the Antler staff when it toured the site. Here he explains how radar works to Wally Andzrejewski, Tony Busin, and Tom Fry. The West Deer students were impressed greatly by the ability, as well as the courtesy, of men at the local Nike Site.



EAT WELL, GIRLS—Staff members visiting the Nike Site thoroughly enjoyed the good Army food served them. Lt. Christy T. Mamiya, executive officer, and M/Sgt. Ray Studebaker, local recruiting officer, question a group of staff members as to how they like the food. From left are Dorothy Bodnar, Ruth Filo, and Frances Mehalic. Sgt. Studebaker arranged the much appreciated tour of the Army installation.

Language, Speech Classes Meet Challenge

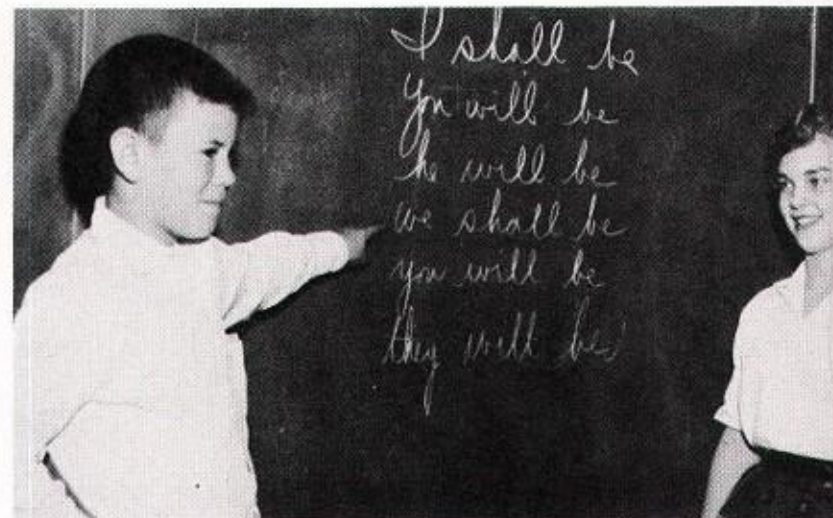


READING LABORATORY EMPLOYED—Reading classes at West Deer use what is referred to as a reading laboratory to improve their reading comprehension and speed. Making use of the laboratory here are, from left, seated, Mary Buydoso and Carol Vorp. Second row, Dave Allison, Cheryl Hess, Lanny Nary. The device enables all to progress at their own rate.

The evolution of more and more changes in educational methods and material taught has caused many schools to revise their curriculum and add more to the required courses of English and foreign languages.

One example at West Deer was the institution of reading courses in all junior high grades. In all courses there was continued emphasis on grammar, good literature, and effective speaking.

Students are finding all their work in these classes challenging and rewarding. This is but another reason why all point to education at West Deer High as tantamount or equal to a "pot of gold."



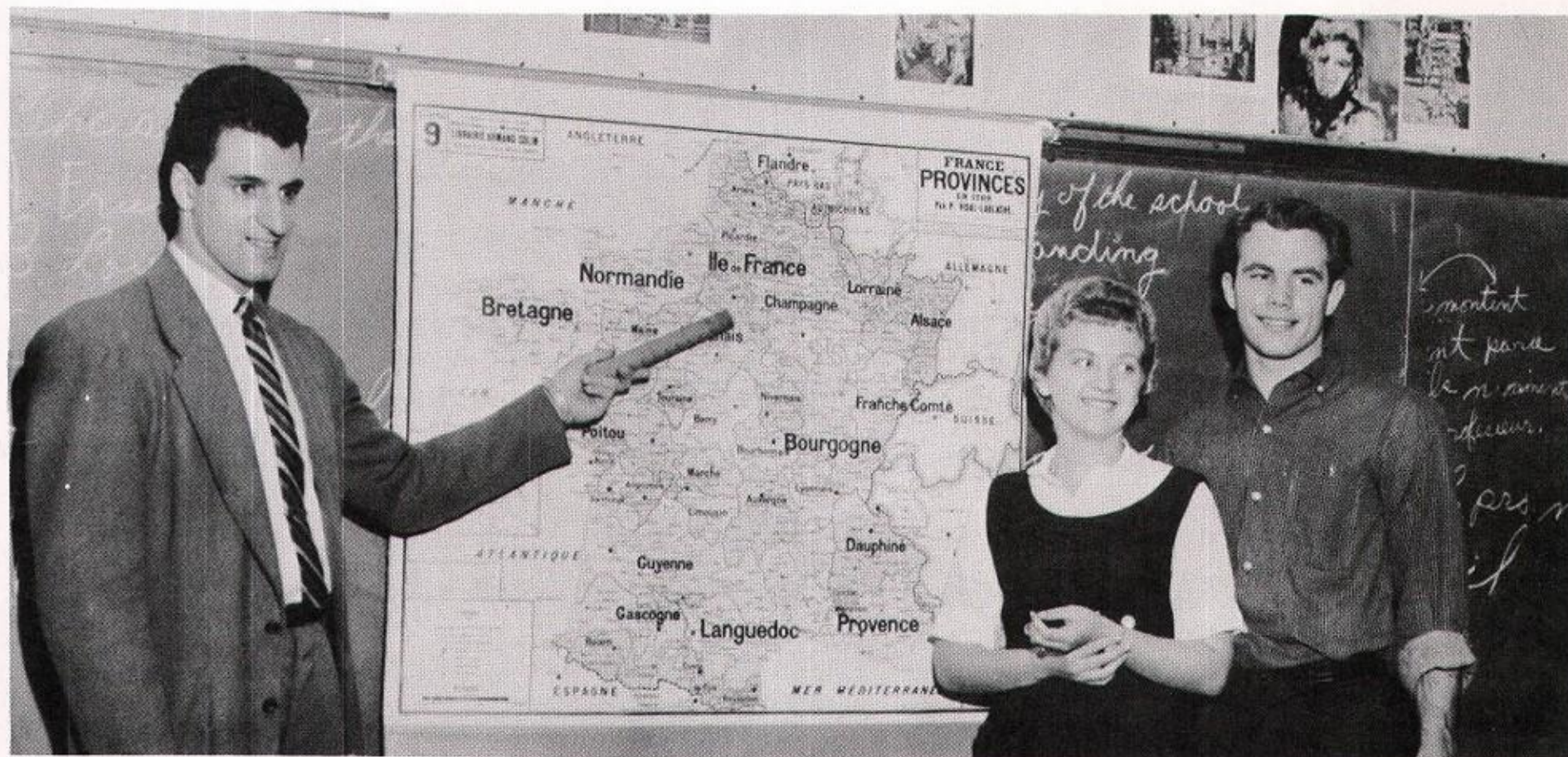
GOOD OLE' GRAMMAR—Dave McMasters explains the different tenses of verb "to be" as classmate Barbara Burns awaits her turn at the board. All English classes at West Deer emphasize grammar, along with dictionary work, oral reports, research papers, literature, etc.

Fortun in action. Students in picture are, left row, front to back, Bev Bloom, Della Thomas, Jim Grottenthaler, Dave Cowfer. Second row, John Pelzarski, Agnes Semler, Maureen Atkinson, Linda Bongiovanni, Delores Puskarich. Third row, Joe Yourish, Diane Cheskey. Last row, Dan Grass, Dee Schwartz, Marty M. Stopchuck.

ONE OF THE BEST—A reason that all students enjoy Mr. Fortun's English classes is because he puts his whole heart into teaching. He uses motions and vigorous explanations to the utmost in driving home a point. Much learning is generated in this type of class which is interesting to both pupils and teacher. Here's a typical scene with Mr.

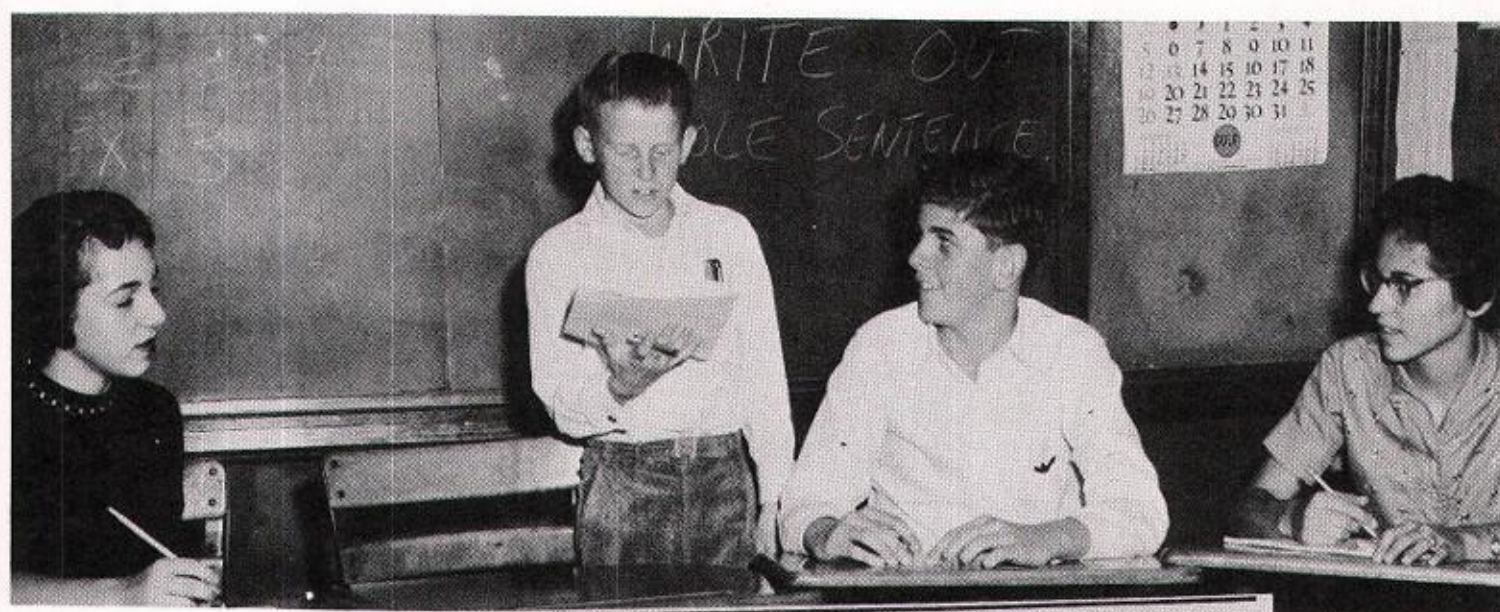


Of Times with Better, More Varied Contents



VIVE LA FRANCE—Mr. Formento, West Deer's illustrious French and English teacher, gives the class a look at a large wall map of

France. Judy John and Bill Capello stand by to point out a location they have been reading about in their French class textbook.



ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION—Ron Watkins has the floor during one of the round table discussions in English class. Awaiting their chance for rebuttal are, from left, Becky Josefczyk, Doug Scopel, and Ann Latronica.



WHAT IS DEMOCRACY?—Lucille Consolaro, Speech II student, gives a five-minute oration on democracy as part of her work in speech class. All students are required to give similar speeches. In Speech II emphasis is placed on both voice and appearance of the speaker. Several of the speech students appeared in the Legion Oratoricals. Choric reading, daily news reports, and short speeches are included in the course.

Space Age Continues; Students Pursue Math

The space age reached its second year of intensity during this '58-59 term, and students pursued math and science with renewed vigor.

Equipped with some of the best teachers possible, the West Deer math department was particularly active. All efforts were made to give students a foundation in math which would rank second to none.

The year also saw the beginning of programs planned to accelerate those students gifted in quantitative abilities. Placing top standing 8th graders in algebra classes was one of the experiments which met success.



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A. J. CAPELLMAN
B.S. . . . *General Math, Arithmetic, Wood Shop, Metal Shop, Print Shop.*



MRS. ELIZABETH CUNNINGHAM
A.B., M.Ed. . . . *Algebra II, Plane Geometry . . . Trigonometry, Solid Geometry . . . Dept. Head.*



JOHN KARCIS
B.S. . . . *Math, Mechanical Drawing* . . . Head football coach, Varsity Club.



WILLIAM R. SUTTIE
B.S. . . . *7th Grade Arithmetic, Science* . . . Guidance Committee.

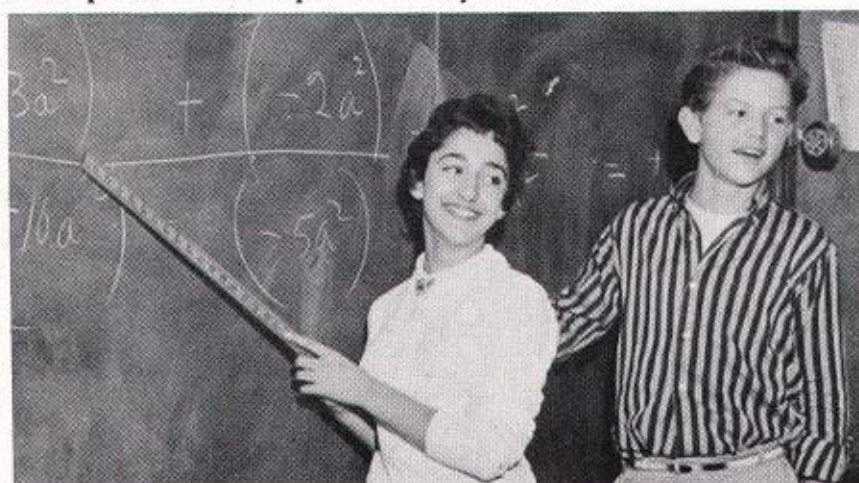


WILLIAM G. UTZIG
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MATH IN ACTION (Below)—As part of their math training, students of Mr. Karcis' classes used their knowledge to calculate the height of the flag pole. This proved to be excellent practice and on-the-job training for the budding mathematicians. Comparing their findings with Mr. Karcis' figures are from left, Randy Fleck, Ken English, Elaine Gravitt, Mr. Karcis, Anita Sonnie, and Bob Kirchner. Results were accurate.



ALGEBRA MADE EASY (Left)—Simplified explanations which everyone can understand is the first order of Mr. Acciai's classes. Sandi D'Amico and Bob Gestrich here illustrate to the rest of the class how easy it is to solve a toughie. All students get a chance at working problems on board.



MUST BE SOME PROBLEM! (Above)—Cheryl Hess confers with Mr. Acciai on an algebra problem which she found puzzling. Mr. Acciai is highly respected by his students for readiness to help each individual. For students who fall behind in algebra, he makes available, on his own time, a special remedial class after school. This has proved to be helpful for many students.

And Science with Renewed Interest, Vigor



ERNEST A. ANDRIKO B.S., M.Ed. . . . *Biology, Senior Science . . . Jr. Science . . . Hi-Y. High Basketball.*

JOSEPH P. FORTINO B.S., M.A. . . . *General Science . . . Hi-Y.*

JOHN M. GRAFF B.S., M.Litt., M.A. . . . *7th-8th Grade Science, Economic Geography . . . Curriculum Committee, PSEA Past President.*



LAWRENCE MONNIER S., M.Litt. . . . *Chemistry, Physics . . . Dept. Head, Audio Visual Aids.*

MICKY V. VITKAY B.S. . . . *9th Grade Science . . . 8th Grade Sponsor.*

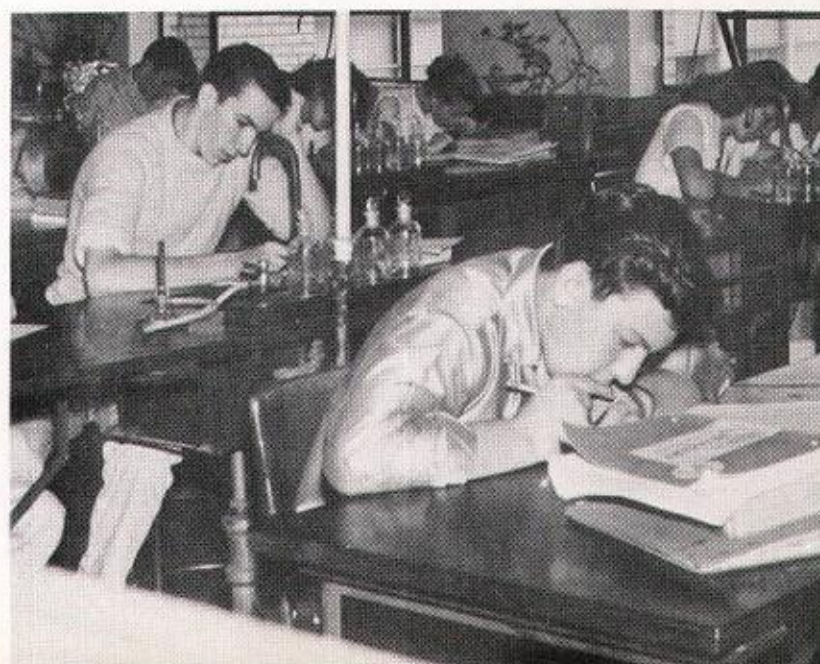
West Deer's MR. SCIENCE (Right)—Dispensing chemicals is but part of Mr. Monnier's job as chemistry and physics instructor. Here he works with students Steve McMasters and Barb Vedro. Mr. Monnier, affectionately known as "Pop" to his students, works with Miss Lambert as the deans of West Deer faculty. They are the only two teachers who have served West Deer High School since classes first began here in early 1942.



BIOLOGY CLASS ACTIVITY (Below)—Bob Fyala and Arlene Gray explain the make-up of leaf structure to the satisfaction of their teacher, Mr. Andriko. Reports and demonstrations of biology specimens are part of the class work required.



THEY MEAN BUSINESS (Below)—A quick peep into the door window of any science class in West Deer High this year would have presented you a scene similar to this. Students realize that requirements of a space age were far greater than ever in the past. They attempted to meet these requisites by faithful and concentrated study in and out of the classroom. Time will tell if they did.





EXCEPTIONAL MATH STUDENTS—Though just 8th graders, these students have shown the ability and resourcefulness to take algebra one year earlier than the traditional 9th grade time. Despite the fact that they were in a class with older students, they made a great percentage of the top grades. In the photo are Mr. Acciai, Joe

Slenkovich, Don Bobish, Rich Gilson, Norm Lovic, Marianne Boch, Lynne White, Bobbie Grass, Jean Lytle, Donna Ordawkowski, Lee McDonald, Bill Manifold, Louise Reiber, Brian Kristoff, and Linda Johannsson, all 8th graders.



SCIENCE ENTHUSIASTS—Members of the Science Club are scientific minded students from freshman and sophomore classes. First row, from left, Dian Bassett, Mary Radonovich, Margie Costello, Fred Skurka, Doug Wisnesky, Rege Mull, Joann Conroy, Eileen McCorkle, Lenora Machen. Sec-

ond row, Rebecca Josefczyk, Ruth Gedraitis, Sue Gall, Joan DeKleva, Joyce Ferrance, Pat Lawrence, Nancy Mallinson, Sally Rymer, Donna Malecki, Betty Suchan, Carol Enie. Third row, Jim Griffith, John Proco, Don Fry, Fred Matko, Ed. Mialky, Dave Setzanfand, Sue Hartz, Irene Venesky.

SLIDE RULE CLUB

(Left)—Declives Rego Society (Slide Rule Club) was the newest organization at West Deer this year. Mr. Acciai sponsored the club, which met monthly to learn effective use of the slide rule. Members were, from left, seated, Linda Girdwood, Lois Tomiczek, Cheryl Hess, Nancy Kelley. Standing, David Filo, Bill Dyer, Dave Ranker, Doug Scopel, Dave Allison, Jim Zachousky, Ronald Halovanic and Mike Solomon, Jr. high students.

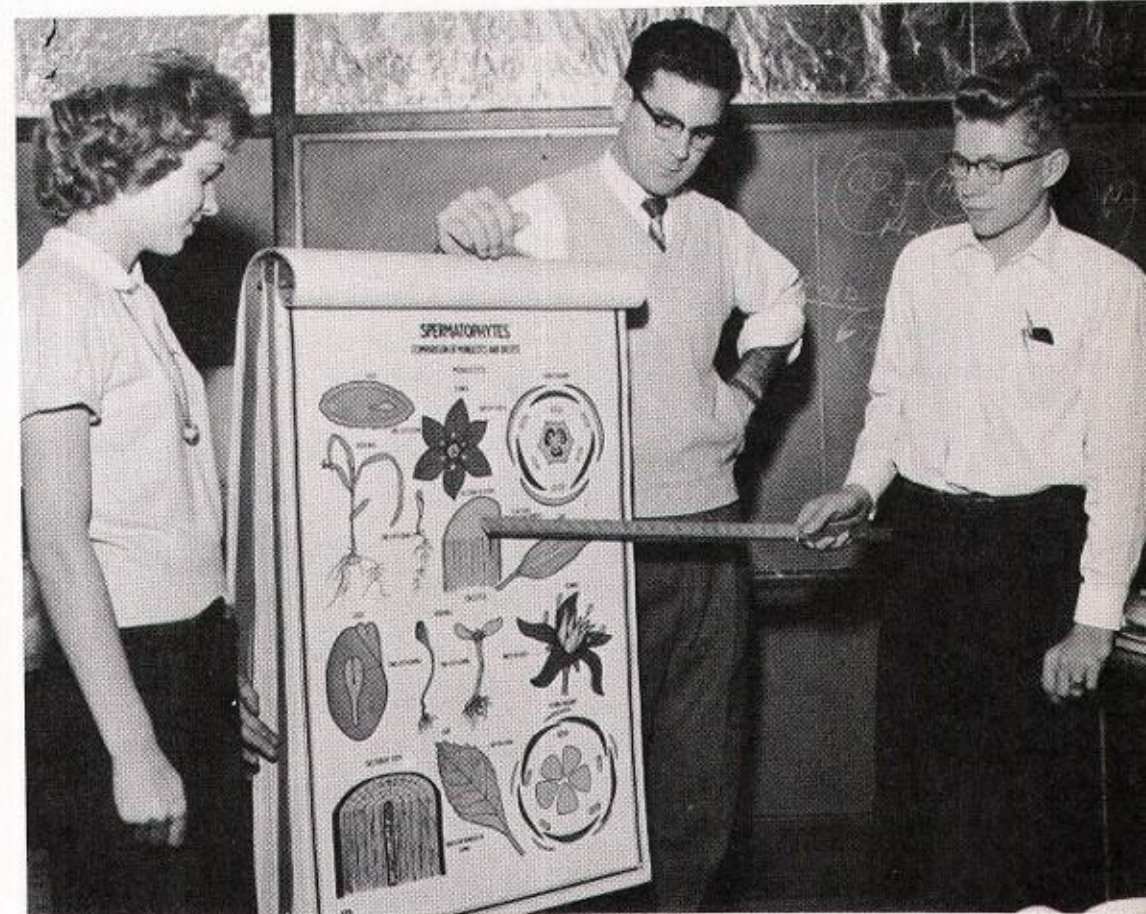
INQUISITIVE MIND

(Right)—Nancy Weaver, left, and Andrea Nether search for the hidden mysteries of science in an experiment held in physics class.



THE BIG MOMENT (Right)—It's that important moment for Art Broge, center, when the effects of an experiment in chemistry class are checked. Watching the results also are Chris Hodges and Ron Mohar.

USING THE SLIDE RULE (Below)—Trigonometry students Art Hosey and Regina Gerashenko work out a problem with the large visual aid slide rule in Mrs. Cunningham's math class. Regina notes as Art reads.



BIOLOGY CHART DEMONSTRATED (Above)—Dave Setzanfand shows Irene Venesky dicots while teacher Mr. Andriko watches the explanation. Learning about plant life is a prelude to the great fascinations and mysteries of our scientific world. Study of animal life follows.



LAYING OUT WEST DEER HIGH—Mr. Karcis' math classes particularly enjoyed a unit of study in which they applied their book learning to actual situations. This is the scene of one of the assignments where students were required to find measurements of objects on campus.



CAUTIOUS SCIENTISTS AT WORK (Left)—Working with chlorine, bromine, and other gases, the chemistry students learned to use caution in their experiments. Watching the results of this particular experiment are, from left, Terry Wienskovich, John Uchic, Charley Brown, Ron Josefczyk, Ron Mohar, Gordon Irvine, and William Gray.



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SYLVIA MARIOTTI
B.Ed. . . . *Bookkeeping I, II, Typing I, Jr. Business Training, Physical Education.*



MRS. V. ROEMHILD
B.S. . . . *Office Practice, Business English, Economic Geography.*



MRS. A. SCHUSTER
B.S., M.Ed. . . . *Typing I, II* . . . Dept. Head.

PRESSES ROLL—Senior business students, from left, Bonnie Rudolph, Mary Ann Venesky, and Alfretta Baughman work on the mimeograph machine. All business students are taught how to handle it properly.



PANORAMIC VIEW OF OFFICE PRACTICE ROOM IN ACTION—Using adding machines in front are Margie Stewart, Wanda Baker, Patty Tutak, Bev Divelbiss. At dictaphones are Jan Moretti, Delores Smutek, Jan Bovankovitz, Delores Barron. At bulletin board is Cathy Scopel. Typing are Joanne Borland, Donna Antoninka, Marcella Broglia. With Mrs. Scherer is Mary Leta Tabacchi. Working with the mimeograph machine in the back of room are Sandra Gentile and Mary Ann Venesky.

Commercial Dept. Rates

There's one department at West Deer that has constantly brought great prestige to the school and community because of the ability and success of its student products. Everyone knows that is the Commercial Dept.

The department had another particularly active year during the '58-59 term. More students than ever before enrolled in basic typing courses.

Senior high students kept pace with the business world by receiving instruction on modern techniques and working with the latest business machinery being used.

This year students received on the job experience by serving as clerks in the school offices and as teachers' secretaries. In the spring the office visitation program was carried out once more. Each business student worked for a full day in one of the area business establishments.

As the Coalagra was going to press, the department also was working on plans to have a type of open house for students in the earlier grades. The highlight of this open house was to be a film, with students serving as actors and actresses, made in the West Deer commercial dept. to better explain its functions and program.

TOUGH PROBLEM

(Right)—Miss Mariotti, right, a popular teacher in the commercial dept., gives some individual help to Judy Potkovich. Judy found some of her bookkeeping homework a bit difficult to understand.





BUILDING SELF CONFIDENCE (Above)—A technique used by Mrs. Schuster, typing teacher, to help students build typing confidence and avoid looking at keys was by having them type while blindfolded. Results were excellent.

Praise For Job Well Done



Diane Hudon, cool and confident, begins assignment.



"... Oh-h-h, my, a mistake already!"



THEY HEAR VOICES (Above)—Mrs. Scherer, center, observes as Jan Moretti, left, and Delores Smutek learn to use dictaphones in the office room.

OFFICE GIRLS MEET (Below)—Vivian Reynolds takes charge as some of the future office girls conduct an important meeting. (It must be about their bosses!!!)



West Deer Typist in Action...

"... Out, out, 'darn' spot!!"



"... 'Guess I better get serious and do this right."



Vocational Classes Are Favorite of Students



D. J. BOSSERT
B.S. . . . *Home Ec.,
Cooking Classes, Chef's
Class . . . Home Ec.*



DONALD DiMARCO
B.S. . . . *Metal Shop
classes.*



WM. G. KERNAN
B.S. . . . *Wood Shop
classes . . . Dept. Head.*

Ask the boys and girls of West Deer High which classes they enjoy most and the almost unanimous reply will be "the vocational classes."

It is in these classes where the future skilled craftsman or technician is molded. Fortunately, the facilities provided for vocational classes at West Deer rank with the best in the district.

Boys work with basic equipment, as well as advanced precision machinery, in the wood shop, metal shop, and print shop.

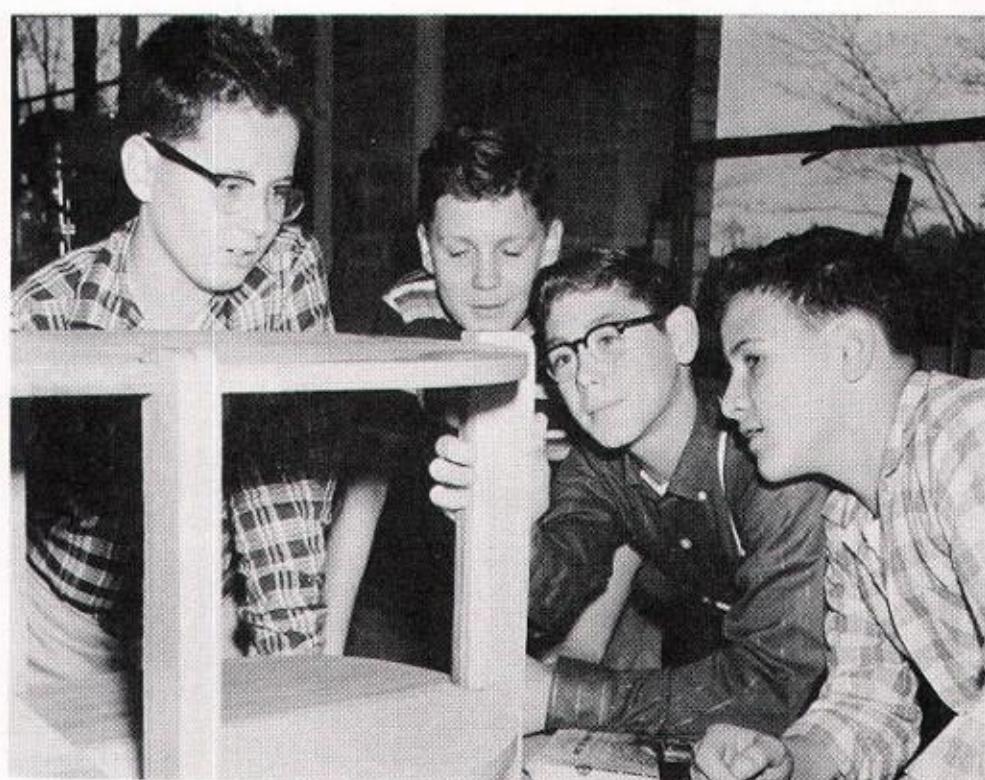
Whether they follow-up or not in these areas as their life's work, the students will always be able to utilize the valuable training they did receive.



JOAN G. KRAFT
B.S. . . . *Homemaking,
Clothing, Vocational
Classes . . . Dept.
head, Home Ec. Club,
Activities and Guidance
Committees.*



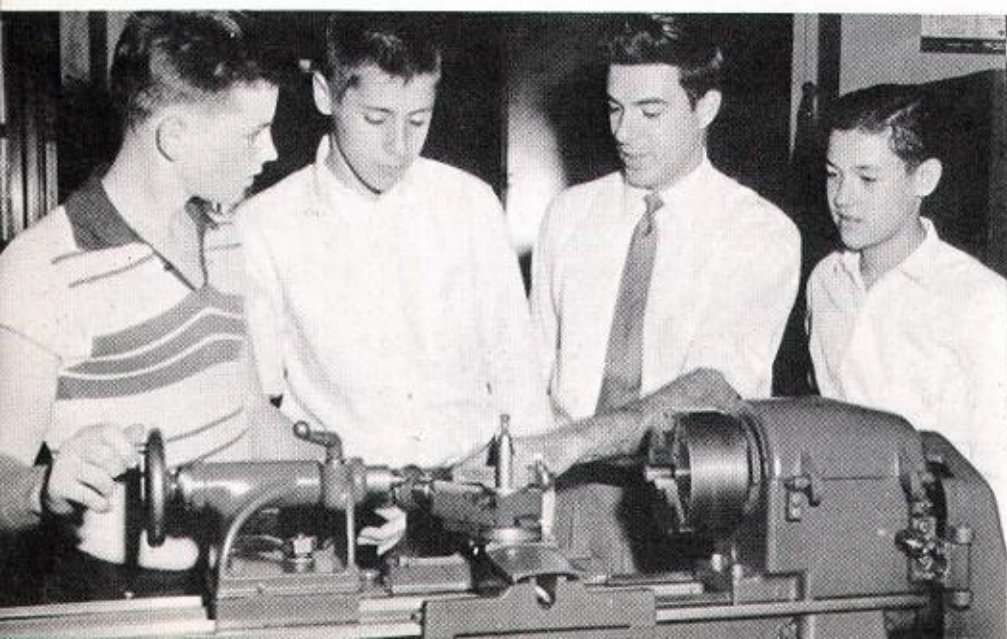
FUTURE CRAFTSMAN AT WORK (Right) — Working on individual projects, boys in metal shop begin learning skilled trades. Here is Rege Massack forging a rich-looking metal tray by careful, diligent work.



PROUD OF THEIR ACHIEVEMENT (Above)—Frank Zonarich, Nick Storoz, Mark Zebracki, and Ron Trevellini examine a wooden cocktail table constructed by one of the boys in wood shop. Projects such as these entail many hours of thoughtful, precision instruction and practice.

WOOD SHOP INSTRUCTOR (Below)—Mr. Kernan is the veteran and greatly respected West Deer High wood shop teacher. He instructs students on principles of wood work, ranging from care and use of tools to finished products which would compare with those made by some of the finest craftsmen. Listening to Mr. Kernan's instructions are Charles Nolker, Len Navarro, and Bill Smay, junior high wood shop students.

LATHE DEMONSTRATION (Below)—Mr. DiMarco, metal shop instructor, gives boys proper instructions on a valuable tool, metal lathe, which is used to cut and shape metals. From left are Dave Fry, Rich Dickson, Mr. DiMarco, and Tom Kosdemba putting their learning to actual on-the-job use.



at West Deer

The largest Home Ec Club, a boys' chef class, as well as superior achievement in classroom assignments, demonstrated that West Deer students were highly interested in future homemaking.

Miss Kraft, now a veteran West Deer teacher, handles all sewing classes, while Miss Bossert, teaching her first year, was in charge of cooking and culinary arts.

This year both the sewing room and kitchen received new appliances that were greatly appreciated by the students using them.

Many girls in the sewing classes advanced from making aprons in 7th grade to fine looking suits and dresses in senior high.



WD CHEFS—When Miss Bossert entered her 4th period home ec class for the first time, she was somewhat surprised to see a dozen boys eagerly awaiting her. This was the boys' home ec class. And as the year went on, the boys found this to be one of their most enjoyable, as well as valuable, classes of the day. They were taught everything from preparing a basic meal to proper table settings. Members of the class included, from left, first row, Oliver Solinsky, Vince Ferraiuolo, Ron Cheran, Howard Suhan, Bob Schroth, and Miss Bossert. Second row, Ron McAdams, Jerry Kemman, Howard McDonald, Stanley Paszek, Jack Thomas, and John Clifford.

HOME EC CLUB (Bottom)—Additional projects in the homemaking arts were carried out in the Home Ec Club, largest organization at West Deer. Members were, first row, Margie Pivni, Ruth Bizich, Polly Slenkovich, Mabel Schroth, Betty Tibensky, Madeline DeVando, Arlene Zonarich, Fran Mehalic, Gloria Skillen, Virginia McCall. Second row, Pat Castello, Joan Burdek, Fay Miller, Peggy Boch, Mary Ann Paskorz, Ann Latronica, Gerry Hudon, Eileen McCorkle, Barb Grill, Charlotte Stuckey, Barb Gbur. Third row, Jan DeMartini, Jackie Owcar, Marlene Blostic, Cathy Ellena, Margie Buydoso, Pat Shurina, Dee Gizienski, Diane Graham, Mary Buydoso, Carol Smith, Joan Kanuchok, Jean Gentile, Delores Mayhew. Fourth row, Barb Bennett, Donna Micklow, Becky Josefczyk, Patty Slenkovich, Ruth Gedraitis, Anita Sonnie, Joyce Valerio, Virginia Antoninka, Mary Mathewson, Beverly Irvine, Carol Walters. They'll make A-1 housewives!



PROUD OF THEIR WORK—Carol Bonovitz, right, beams over some expert seamstress work she completed at the sewing machine. Giving their approval are Gloria Skillen and Miss Kraft.



IT'LL END UP IN A MEAL!—It's a bee-hive of activity when the home ec girls do their cooking assignments for the week. The girls have an opportunity to learn all phases of homemaking, from prepar-

ing nutritional, well-balanced meals to learning the proper use of latest kitchen equipment on the market. The West Deer home ec department resembles a typical home with its facilities and equipment.



History Students Fulfill New Requirements



JAMES S. MARSILI
B.S., M.Ed. . . . *History II* . . . Head Basketball Coach, Varsity Club, PSEA Salary and Welfare Committee.



JOHN C. PIAZZA
A.B. . . . *History III, Social Studies.*



WM. H. POWERS
B.Ed., M.Ed. . . . *POD, Family Living, Reading* . . . Activities Committee Chairman, Student Council, Hall Patrol, Chair Committee, PSEA vice-president, PSEA Public Relations, Welfare Committee.



LEO ZILLA
A.B., M.Ed. . . . *Civics* . . . Activity Fund, Freshman Sponsor.

POD SUSPECTS—Bev Divelbiss, Philomena Elter, Donna Reith, and Janet Bovankovitz are not really criminal suspects. They are just taking part in a POD class activity. Studying a unit on crime, the students actually took each other's fingerprints. Mr. Powers explained how prints are used by law officers for solving crimes as well as proving innocence.

As in the other departments, more was demanded from the West Deer High history student than ever before.

A new state regulation requiring four years of history on all students' records went into effect.

In History III and POD classes research themes on history topics were required from all.

College type essay questions were featured on most of the major exams, thus getting students better prepared to express themselves in mature, well informed manner.

Civics class and world history classes also met the new higher standards with special projects and reports by both teacher and students.

Most of the classroom discussions centered on the world trouble spots, civil rights and integration, and the competition and possible destructiveness faced by democracy from communistic and totalitarianistic foes.



VISUAL AID — The many excellent movies available today often help to make an era of history become more vivid and understandable to the history student. Mr. Marsili mans the projector for a movie in world history class.



Student Congress Aids School and Community

Throughout the year industrious members of the Student Congress directed their energy and talents toward benefiting both their school and their community.

Their big project of the year again was the Tiny Tim campaign. Hundreds of cans of food were donated by the student body at Christmas time and distributed by the Congress members to needy families of the township.

Another top project was the annual magazine drive. From this a scholarship fund was established for a deserving senior.

For its outstanding devotion to school and community, the Student Congress had earned the praise and admiration of all. Its members exemplify American teen-agers at their best.



HARD WORKERS—The Coalagra photographer captures the spirit of enthusiasm, reflected in the faces of the members, which has made the Student Congress a hard working group at West Deer. Members are, from left, first row, Bill Gray, Stan Brudney, Ann Catherwood, Ellen Wetzel, Nancy George, Dee Charney, Gerry Hudon, Josie Pivni, Ed Fleck. Second row, Jack Thomas, Bob Salmon, Sue Negrich, Mary Margaret Reed, Jane Allison, Janice Hazlett, Beryl Stanford, Dorothy Puskar, and Frances Mehalic.



WE DON'T HAVE TO COUNT THEM, DO WE? (Above)—Ed Fleck, Beryl Stanford, Jane Allison, Bill Gray, and Mary Reed are overwhelmed by students' response to the Congress request for canned goods during the Tiny Tim Christmas drive which provides food for needy families.



GUARDIANS OF THE HALLWAYS—In the hallways they courageously stand, serving as constant reminders to students to conduct themselves courteously through the corridors. Hall Patrol members are, from left, first row, Bill Costello, Howard McDonald, Oliver Solinsky, James Fedison, Alfred Micklow, Ron Smay. Second row, John Sobotka, Rich Simonetti, Tom Squiller, Joe Zrelak, Steve McMasters. Third row, Ron Fyala, Van Scott, Ray Pieranunzi, Bill Bryner, George Vranesh, Fred Doman.

IN MY OPINION (Below)—Judy John gives her views on a topic in question during a Student Congress meeting. Ed Fleck was Congress president this year. Orderliness characterized Congress meetings held during the year.



VOTE FOR MY 'THISTER—Little Al Markijohn conducts a rollicking one man (?) campaign to ring up votes for his sister Dorothy, who was running for office of president of Student Congress. The election campaign was conducted similar to national elections.

Junior High Activities Command Attention



INTRODUCTION TO FINE ART—Mr. Graham, art instructor, points out the "master's touch" during a lesson in art appreciation. This particularly fine oil painting was done by a West Deer art student.



ASSEMBLY GUEST—Rev. Harrison Davidson, missionary in Africa, thrilled junior high students with his vivid description of life in the practically non-civilized sections of the continent. Looking at some of the interesting articles brought back by Rev. Davidson are Dan Jones, Bob Paszek, Rev. Davidson, Ann Latronica, Gerri Hudon.



PROBLEMS—These "future housewives" seem to be concerned about some problem that has come up in home making class. That soup must have turned out right! From left are Margie Pivni, Dee Gizienski, Jan DeMartini, Mary Ann Paskorz.



ENJOYABLE CLASSWORK—What boy doesn't like to tinker with machinery and construct things? Junior high boys are given the opportunity to learn valuable skills in their shop classes. Engaged in a class project are John Boris, Tom Kosdemba, and Len Grebeck.



BLOW MUSICIANS BLOW—(Left)—Performing in a fine way, Junior high handsomen gave a preview of a bright future. Some shown here are from left, first row, Gary Simonetti, Ted Kamzalow, Ricky Wilkins, Tom Gestrich, Sandy Garvin. Second row, Donna Garvin, Cheryl Curri, Cheryl Bohn, Betsy Hohman, David Petrina, Kim Stevenson, Karen Peluchette, Judy Puskas. Third row, Lee McDonald, Bonnie Setzenfan, Joyce Monnier, Louise Reiber, Ann Kinniburgh, Judy Peluchette, Ern Koberlein, Ron Zelazowski. Fourth row, Jane Schroder, Nancy Hoffma, Harry Long, Dave McMasters, and Rich Gilson.



EVERYONE BUSY—Pupils work in groups or individually to map out their problems and unit projects in the always busy Unified Studies Class.

7th Graders Eye Future In Unified Studies Class

Under the supervision of Mr. Sipes and Mr. Whartenby, Unified Studies underwent their third successful year at West Deer High School.

This subject, taught to 7th Graders, is actually the combining of many basic subjects and presented as units of study. This system gives greater responsibility to the individual and also provides actual studying of problems that may help him in future work. It provides for many varied activities of learning such as planning, organizing, judgment, individual and group responsibility, and the ability to communicate (by writing and speaking) proficiently.

The Unified Studies classroom is one that is marked with a great deal of activity and project-like work. Many useful tools of learning, such as a classroom library, are located also in the Unified Studies classroom.



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B.S., M. Ed. . . *Unified Studies, Family Living.*
. . . Past Pres. PSEA.



DAVID B. WHARTENBY
B.S., . . . *Unified Studies*
. . . Football Assistant Coach.



IT'S LIKE THIS BOSS! (Left)
—Linda Miller and Mr. Sipes
get into a deep discussion concerning that day's unit.

OWN LIBRARY (Right)—The Unified Studies Classrooms are conveniently equipped with their own library and reference books. Judy Puskas and Ronnie Lassing are seen getting ready to use the important encyclopedias.



Gym Classes Keep Students Physically Fit

Gym classes provided an outlet for the excessive energy of teenagers. Students took part in a wide variety of well-planned activities.

There were basketball, paddle tennis, wrestling, badminton, ping-pong, body building exercises, trampoline acrobatics, etc.

Mrs. Girdwood, girls' instructor, and Mr. Antonelli and Mr. Schultz, for the boys, emphasized to students the importance of keeping physically fit.

A spirit of sportsmanship was developed in the various competitive games.

The final product was a more healthy and physically alert West Deer student.



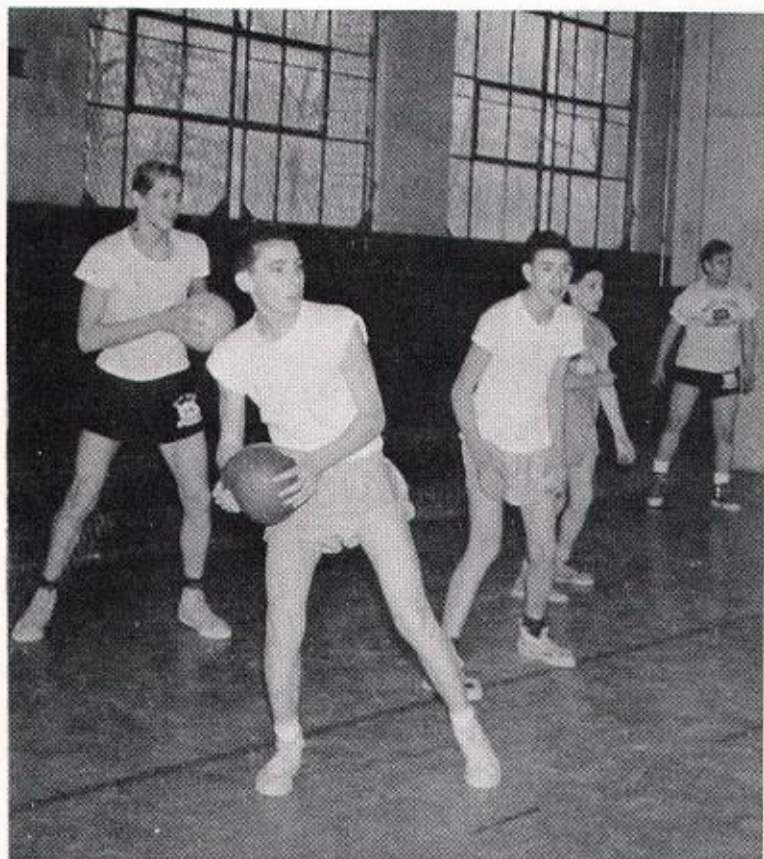
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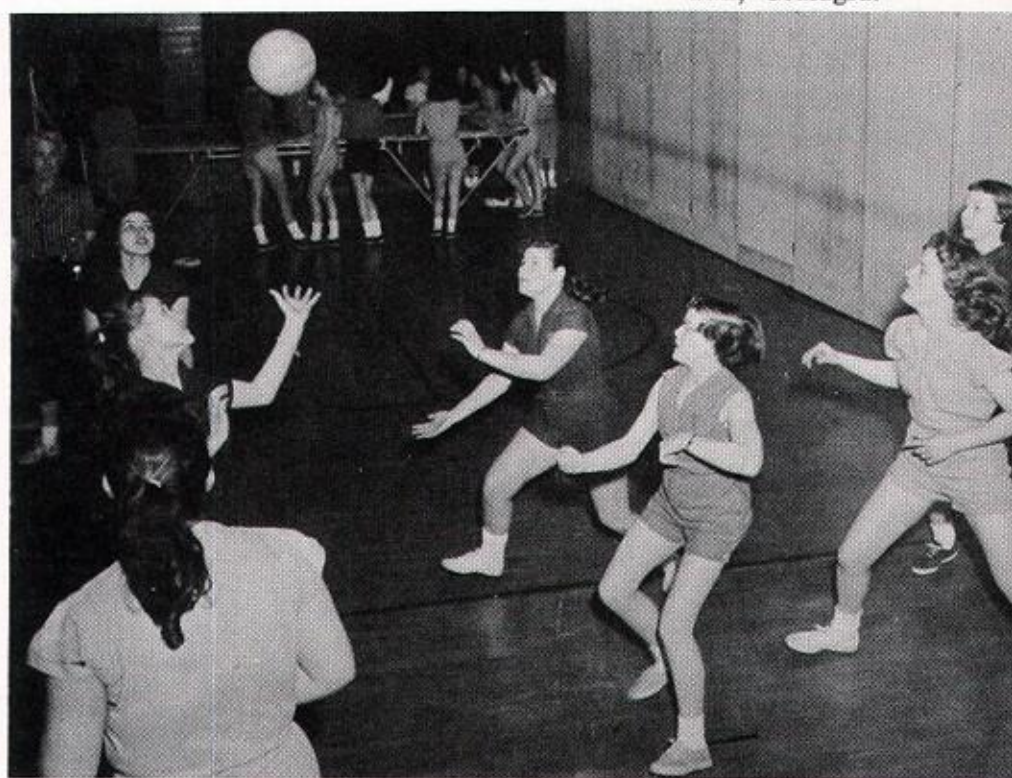
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READY, AIM, FIRE—Louie Radonovich, Andy Ross, and Dave Phillips prepare to hurl the "murder" balls at their opponents in an action-packed session of the boys' gym.



C'MERE BALL—Sandy Massimino, Pat Stanish, Judy Potkovich, Shirley DeMartini, Nancy George, Dot Puskar, and Darlene Fryer squeal with excitement as they attempt to keep the volleyball in the air. The girls plunge into all phases of gym activities with vigor, enthusiasm, and pep.



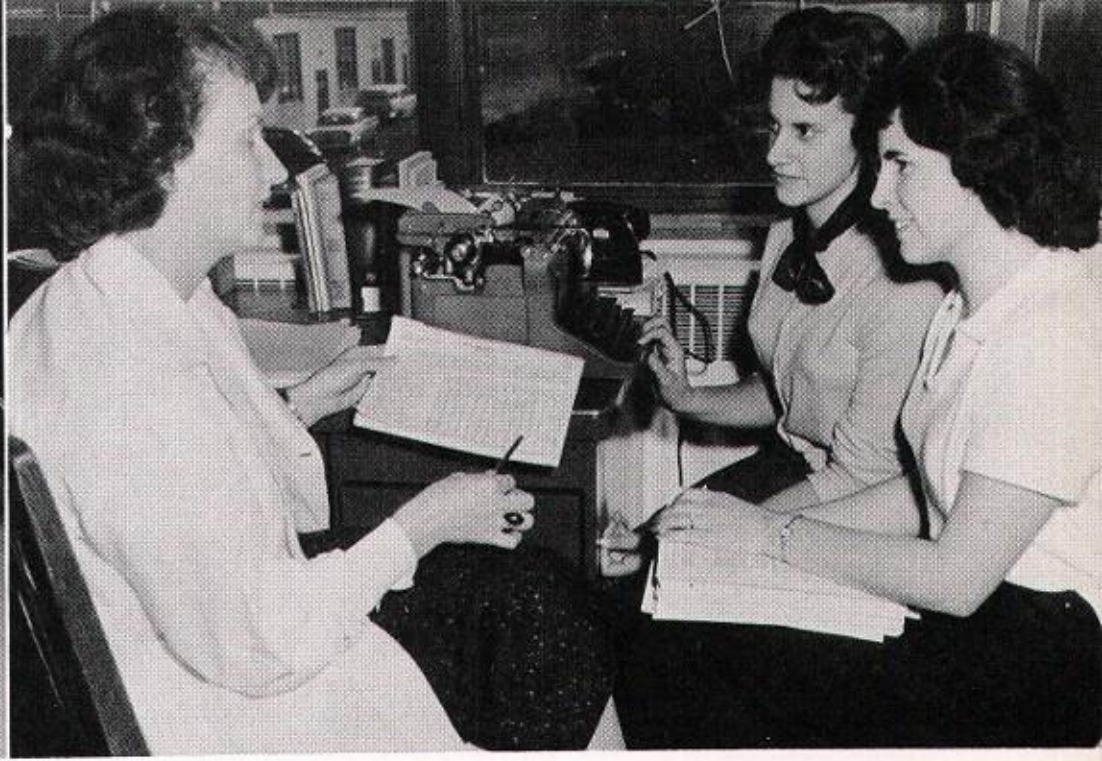
WHO HAS THE BALL?—Favorite body building game of the boys in gym class is "murder ball." Emerging with the ball gets to be a lot of fun as well as a mighty chore.

HI-Y MEMBERS—Feature of the year for this lively organization was the fun-filled informal initiation of new members. Members are, from left, first row, Tony Busin, Ron Gravitt, Dave Reid, Larry Sobotka, Jim Fedison, Ralph Kirchner, Pete Biagi, Art Hosey, Ron Fyala. Second row, George Vranesh, Bill Capello, Greg Georgieff, Bill Costello, Steve McMasters, Joe Halovanic, Al Micklow. Third row, Dick Grandy, Bill Hartman, Stan Paszek, Harry Arbuthnot, Ron Smay, Andy Charney.





BEEP, BEEP—Mrs. Yeloushan, school nurse, administers a hearing test to Charlene Eversole with an audiometer. The audiometer is one of many modern diagnostic and treatment devices found in the up-to-date West Deer Health Room. A hearing examination is given each year to one of the classes as part of the WD health program.



ANOTHER FORM—Gloria Balbo, center, and JoAnn DeLuca, typing assistants to Mrs. Yeloushan, receive their instructions as they prepare to aid with the many student and group forms which must be completed. This work gives the students valuable, on-the-job experience and enables the nurse to devote more time to her important duties.

WD School Health Program Becomes Immense Project

Being a school district nurse is no easy task, Mrs. Yeloushan learned when she assumed the important job at West Deer seven years ago.

The job encompasses the responsibility of administering to the health needs of a school community that numbers over 2,000 pupils.

The immense health program at West Deer includes all state mandated physical examinations which now include grades 1, 6, and 11. It also provides any and all exams which the school doctor or any school official deems necessary throughout the school year, regardless of grades.

Every elementary pupil is given a vision and hearing test sometime during the school year. In high school every other grade is given vision and hearing tests each year in school.

Immunization is conducted each spring, and this usually includes all first graders as well as any other grades which the examining doctor decides should be immunized that year. Mrs. Yeloushan is also a "traveling" nurse as she checks the homes and parents of a student to discuss a child's illness. "It is difficult to plan a day of work because you never know what will happen next," says the busy well-liked WD nurse.



UNSUNG HEROINE—Mrs. Yeloushan checks the pulse rate of Ron Fyala after he became ill during the school day. Students not feeling up to par are given immediate attention and aid at West Deer High School.

◀ **FUTURE NURSES ASSN.**—Probably the most successful and most beneficial student organization at West Deer this year was the Future Nurses Assn. Some 17 girls, along with their faculty adviser Miss Lambert, learned all they could of the nursing profession through speakers, field trips, and literature. A highlight of the year was when the FNA members wore nurses outfits for their informal initiation into the group. Members are, first row, Sandy Baumgartel, Kathy Ekas, JoAnn DeLuca, faculty adviser Miss Lambert, Janice Hazlett, Janice Hudon, Carole Dickey. Second row, Irene Venskysky, Theresa Miller, Mary Radonovich, Joan DeKleva, Joan Conroy, Elaine Collier, Bessie Craig, Elaine Matze, Maureen Atkinson, Helen Dawson. Some hope to be school nurses.



Guidance Program Becomes More Effective

With the appointment of Mrs. Dorothy Acciai two years ago, the guidance program and facilities have reached new heights at West Deer.

Most appreciated by the students is Mrs. Acciai's efficient ways of counseling individuals and groups. The counseling phase of guidance includes helping students with personal problems, as well as aid with curriculum, vocational, and college planning.

A typical day for the WD counselor may be made up of administering aptitude, achievement, or psychological tests, such as the California IQ for the 9th grade or the ACE Psychological test given to Academic English Classes.

After lunch her counseling schedule begins. Interspersed is the arranging of a special speaker for a certain class. Then, too, there are the endless volumes and volumes of correspondence, ranging from recommendation letters to regular reports and statistics.

Her job also entails the interview of all incoming, transfer, or drop-out students. In addition, accurate records of grades of all test results for comparison and future reference must be compiled.

Mrs. Acciai, too, handles arrangements for the annual Career day which brings to WD speakers from industry, business, armed forces, and colleges.



LOOK AT THIS (Above)—Seniors George Preisser and Joe Zrelak scan the guidance bulletin board for possible scholarship or job opportunities. Mrs. Acciai keeps all students posted on scholarships and jobs with this up-to-date board.



GUIDING HAND (Below)—Mrs. Acciai chats with freshmen Marlene Tabacchi and Audrey Paskorz about results on aptitude tests they took in their class. Much of the guidance counselor's time is consumed in these helpful and appreciated student conferences. Students are aided with curriculum planning, vocational goals for the future, and personal problems. Mrs. Acciai's able and re-assuring ways of handling duties as a counselor have endeared her to WD students.



GIRL FRIDAY—Mary Margaret Reed, typing assistant to Mrs. Acciai, provides the busy guidance counselor with valuable help. Another senior, Marlene Clifford, also assists the counselor.



CONCENTRATED STUDY (Above)—Ron Fyala and Bill Costello are in deep thought as they seek knowledge and information that comes from the effective use of books and reference materials found in the West Deer High Library.

CHECKING OUT (Left)—Patty Gloz, who hopes to someday become a librarian herself, helps Wayne Cunningham in checking out a library book. Patty is a library assistant.

West Deer Library Has Over 4,000 Volumes

Take your pick from 4,000 books!

That's how many different volumes each West Deer student has at his fingertips in our well equipped and expertly organized library.

Under the management of Miss Christine Lambert, school librarian, the library is continually increasing its high standards. This year the Dewey Decimal System was put into good working order, thus preparing West Deer students for quick and proficient use of college and community libraries they may utilize in the future.

The library is used by practically every class and teacher in the school. This is evidenced by the fact that an average of 75 books are checked out daily.



A FRIEND TO ALL—Serving her 29th year as teacher and librarian, Miss Lambert has become well known as a great friend of WD students past and present. A teacher for many years, she has continued her efficient ways as West Deer librarian.

HERE IT IS (Right)—Seniors found the card catalogue of our library a great aid when they were working on their many term and research papers. Looking for a particular author are Carole Buttyan and Larry Sobotka, while Regina Gerashenko and Wayne Cunningham await their turn.

CAN WE HELP YOU? (Below)—Miss Lambert each year trains students to help with the numerous tasks of running a library in the best way possible. First row, from left, Rose Pawloski, Pat Gloz, Hope Hastings, Diane Schwartz, Pearl Ashcraft, Sandra Gentile. Second row, Hester Altman, Eileen Pierce, Gloria Skillen, Bessie Craig, Nancy Weaver, Betty Martin, Sandra Dickson. Third row, Ronald Fyala, William Costello, Thomas Fry, the first boys to become library assistants.



Special Classes Enrich Creativity, Talent

West Deer students are able to demonstrate some of their creative abilities and talents in the special courses offered. The courses range all the way from music to driver's training.

This year was truly a memorable one for the music department. Students participated with pride in band and choral activities. In the classroom they perfected an understanding of classical and contemporary music.

The art department, which moved to its new headquarters in the former shop building, also provided something for all. Some advanced from pencil drawings to elaborate paintings which rank with the finest.

Driver's education continued to be one of West Deer's most respected courses. Taught by a veteran teacher here, Mr. Unites, the course turned out more than 75 safe, licensed drivers during the year.



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B.S. . . . *Jr. and Sr.*
High Art . . . Football
Coach.



ALBERT MAURONI
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Band, Elementary Band.



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B.S. . . . *Music and*
Chorus.

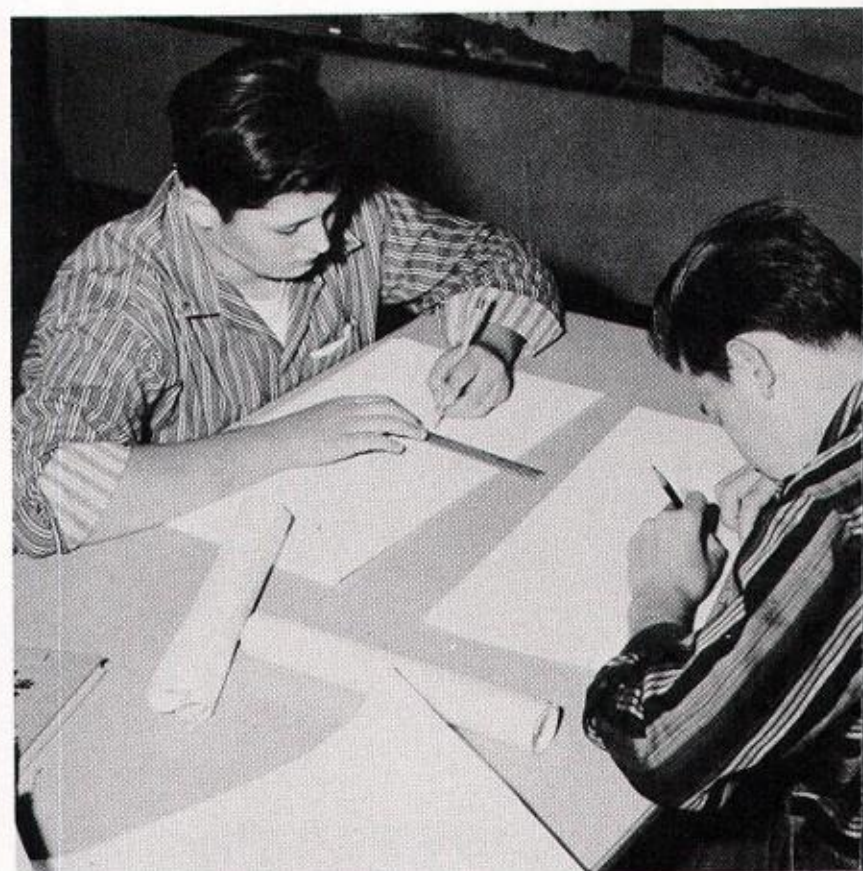


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NO ROCK AND ROLL—Music classes under the direction of Mr. Salvatore listen and analyze the works of great artists of all years, past and present. Denny Zoch and Noreen Cheskey man the record player during one of the music appreciation classes.

BUDDING ARTISTS (Right)—John Merli, left, and Jim Stewart do some concentrated work on one of their art class assignments. The professional looking paintings in background were done also by West Deer High students.



READY TO HIT THE ROAD (Left)—Carol Dickey, left, and Fran Graham are all ready to get started with the day's road lesson in driver's education. Mr. Unites, instructor of the course, has won great respect from both students and colleagues for his teaching ability.

West Deer Teachers, FTA Mark Active Year

In many ways the 1958-59 school term turned out to be one of the most active for the West Deer teachers, as well as the students.

Many of the new and welcome changes in school policy and procedure were the results of diligent and extra work and study conducted by various teacher committees. Some of those groups were the Activities Committee, Advisory Committee, and the Discipline Committee, in addition to several PSEA committees.

The new activity period, revised hall patrol procedure, more and better assemblies, high honor student recognition were among topics discussed and carried out by these committees.

The teachers also encouraged students to pursue careers in education through participation in the Future Teacher Association. This organization gave West Deer students actual classroom teaching practice by having them assist instructors and serve as substitutes.



MA'H FRIENDS—Believe it or not, teachers must give reports, too! Mr. Powers, who could probably be termed the "teacher of the year" for his untiring efforts this term to better West Deer, presents his new program before a group of colleagues during one of the teachers' workshop days.



WE'VE BEEN GOOD BOYS!—It's just like ole' times as former students of Miss Jarema get together for a bit of tutoring from their English teacher. All members of the Class of '48, they are, from left, Mr. Angeloni, now a teacher at West Deer; Mr. Utzig, also a West Deer teacher; Father John Squiller, now on the staff of a New England Catholic school, and Miss Jarema.



BRING OUT THE LINAMENT!—It's a big day at West Deer when the "Old Pros," the teachers, come out of retirement and challenge the JV's in a usually hilarious game. In this action-packed photo it looks as if the "old-timers" sunk a basket. From left are Mr. Formento, Mr. Andriko, Mr. Fortino (clapping), and Mr. Zilla.

FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA—First row, from left, Kathy Mahnick, Sue Hertz, Carole Buttyan, Ellen Metzel, Nancy Weaver, Charlotte Callen, Dee Charney, Elaine Allison, Kathy Farrasso. Second row, Johanna Consolvo, Andi Nether, Joyce Bowdoin, Regina Gerashenko, Patricia Sick, Sandy Massimino,eryl Stanford, Lucille Conaro. Third row, Rich Field, Nancy Bizich, Dorothy Puskar, Ada Bongiovanni, Leah Bryant, Tom Fry, Arlene Zonarich, Bob Vedro, Judy Monnier, Leroy Zalus.





THE MARCHING BRAVES—Precision marching and good music marked the Marching Braves as one of the area's best. First row, from left, Elaine Matze, Pat Lasick, Ron Watkins, Tom Wadsworth, Art Hosey, Carole Buttyan, Bob Proco, Joe Gill, Bill Manifold, Tom Kosdemba, Bill Costello. Second row, Linda Johansson, Arlene Zonarich, Tim Peck, Dave Setzenfand, Rich Dickson, Lanny Nary, Ray Atkinson, Tom Griffith, Dave Godlewski, Helen Dawson, Sue Hartz. Third row, Dave McMasters, Margaret McWhirter, Louise Reiber, Lucy Consolaro, Sandra Baumgartel, Carol Dickey, Vic Mennow,

Cathy Scopel, Josie Pivni, Donna Barnett, Betty Seibert. Fourth row, Kathy Bernard, Nancy George, Joyce Monnier, Dick Gilson, Dick Tady, Barb Victain, Herman Dillner, Rege Mull, George Micklow, Joe Makuta, Bob Rowe. Fifth row, Don Bobish, Cheryl Hess, Barb Knight, Johanna Consolaro, Gary Simonetti, Doug Scopel, Sandra Massimino, Ron Zelazowski, Ed Moro, Jim Zachousky, Dick Kirsch. Sixth row, Corky Longdon, Kathy Ekas, Dave Pressau, Judy Potkovich, Janice Hazlett, Jane Allison, Beryl Stanford, Judy Monnier, Dan Grass, Bill Dyer, Thomas Squiller.

'59 Marching Braves Strive For Quality

Precision marching and good music combined in a perfect blend marked the 1959 edition of the WD Marching Braves. Quality was the theme of both the concert and football seasons.

In order to achieve this trait, rank captains were appointed by Mr. Albert Mauroni, director, to keep each section up to par. Officers were also elected for the first time in several years, and a system of rules and regulations were voted upon and established.

The band again attended band camp in Emlenton. Camp expenses were financed by selling chocolate bars and through the tireless efforts of the Band Boosters, a group of hard-working parents, who sponsored many campaigns for the band. At camp the band acquired the necessary polish and flash which won it acclaim and praise at each performance.

Concert season saw Lucille Consolaro and Thomas Squiller appointed as student directors. Exchange concerts with other A-K valley bands were an enjoyable part of the concert season, also.

AUXILIARY BANDSMEN—A definite asset to the band this year were the band managers who aided Mr. Mauroni with many tasks of running a music group. Graduation will claim Ruth Filo, Janice Hudon, and Ed Fleck, announcer for the band. First row, from left, Diana Charney, Ruth Filo, Evelyn Cajka. Second row, Ed Fleck, Bessie Craig, Sally Rymer, Janice Hudon.





Musical Versatility Shown By Swing Band, Junior Band

There's a place for everyone who wishes to enjoy and participate in music at West Deer High. In addition to the regular senior band, Mr. Mauroni instructs and directs the swing band and the junior band.

Swinging and really playing the music as it should be played was the motto of the swing band this year. The band appeared at several school and community dances, as well as performing at school group meetings.

Lucille Consolaro and Tom Squiller served as student directors of the swing band. Several new instruments, including a baritone sax played by Sandra Baumgartel and a base violin played by Tim Peck, were added to the band.

This season will be remembered also as the year the junior band "wowed" everyone at West Deer. Their memorable performance was at the Edfra game when they took over for the senior band.

Much interest and enthusiasm has been shown by the members of this band which is prepping for its future as the varsity band.

SWING AND SWAY—The swing band headed by Mr. Mauroni has won popular acclaim for its fine showing this year. The band won particular praise for its performance at Open House. First row, from left, Sandra Baumgartel, Dick Tady, Lucille Consolaro, Ron Zelazowski, Jim Zachousky. Second row, Bob Proco, Dave Setzenfand, Arlene Zonarich, Lanny Nary, Judy Monnier, Dave Pressau. Third row, Tim Peck, George Micklow, Dan Grass, Tom Squiller, Rege Mull, Herman Dillner, and Cathy Scopel. Missing is Joe Makuta.



BUDDING MUSICIANS—One of the largest and most enthusiastic junior bands in WD history performed this year. First row, from left, Gary Simonetti, Joyce Monnier, Louise Reiber, Mary Allison, Mildred Kratz, Ted Kamzalow, Ron Cotton, Dave Petrina, Cheryl Bohn, Betty Jean Currin, Carol Baumgartel. Second row, Donna Garvin, Bonnie Setzenfand, Tom Gestrich, Ricky Wilkinson, Gail George, Nancy Hoffman, Virginia Kenyon, Bob Rowe, Judy Peluchette, Ann Kinniburgh, Karen Peluchette, Nancy Erskine, Judy Puskas, Ed Moro, Ron Zelazowski. Third row, Jane Schroder, Jane

Dawson, Roberta Grass, Gloria Cendrowski, Linda Broge, Sandy Garvin, Betsy Hohman, Jane Bush, Russell Grimes, Harry Long, Richard Gilson, Dave Godlewski, Dan Makuta, Pat Turner, Ernie Koberlein, Linda Nary, Dave McMasters, Cheryl Bartchy, Larry Guerrieri, Don Bobish. Fourth row, Bob Garda, Bill Manifold, Tom Sonnie, Kim Stevenson, Tom Kosdemba, Mike Bridgewater, Richard Dickson, Frances Porter, Marian Kenyon, Dick Kirsch, Jim Eversole, Ron Mennow, Gary Johns.



SENIOR MAJORETTE
MARY TABACCHI



HEAD MAJORETTE
GLORIA BALBO



SENIOR MAJORETTE
MARGIE STEWART

Advance Elements of WD Band Give Marching

READY AND ABLE—Precision and beauty in the form of West Deer High majorettes enabled the front of the band to look mighty sharp in all parades and performances during the year. The majorettes are, from left, Bev London, Marsha Shustic, Leah Bryan, Kathy

Scott, Diane Uchic, Kathy Mahnick, Mary Tabacchi, and Margie Stewart. Kathy Mahnick, Diane Uchic, and Marsha Shustic were the new majorettes.





DRUM MAJOR
JIM ZACHOUSKY

Braves a Spectacular Look

"The perfect frosting for an especially delicious cake" is the way fans refer to the elements which make up the front of the West Deer band.

With Gloria Balbo as head majorette and Jim Zachousky as drum major, the band seemed to have a real professional look. Jim, only a freshman, has won fame also as being one of the few musician-drum-majors in the business. He handles a mean clarinet.

The majorettes, colorguard, and Indian mascots all added a sparkling appearance to a sharp and pleasing WD band.



WEST DEER'S OWN—Real crowd pleasers and leaders of West Deer's competitive spirit are the Indian mascots who march with the band. The mascots this year were Princess Elaine Matze and Chief Bill Costello.



THE COLORGUARD—The Marching Braves enter the field or parade in stunning fashion. Of course leading the pack is the now famous WD colorguard. From left are Elaine Pennington, Arlene Gray, Judy Grden, Chief Bill Costello, Princess Elaine Matze, Anna Marie Papriska, Connie Baker, and Fran Mehalic.



TOP BRASS—Serving as officers of the band this year were, left, Lucille Consolaro, vice-president; Judy Monnier, secretary-treasurer, and Artie Hosey, president. This was first time in years that officers were picked.



MUSIC MAKERS—The reed section composed of clarinets and saxophones had eight seniors in it this year. Senior sax players are, first row, Sandra Baumgartel, Carol Dickey, and Lucille Consolaro. Senior clarinet players, second row, are Jane Allison, Beryl Stanford, Judy Monnier, Janice Hazlett, and Judy Potkovich. All are veteran band members at WD.

FLUTES AND DRUMS (Right)—It's a top combination these five seniors make in the percussion section when they combine their talents during band performances. Kneeling is bass drum player Carole Buttyan. Standing, from left, are Tom Wadsworth, Kathy Ekas, Dave Pressau, and Artie Hosey.

25 Senior Band Members End WD Musical Careers

"Hail, dear West Deer, hail," sang the 25 tear-choked senior band members who donned their uniforms for the last time at the Oakmont game. A custom at West Deer is to salute the seniors at the last home football game.

Graduating musicians are Jane Allison, Janice Hazlett, Judy Monnier, Judy Potkovich, Beryl Stanford, Carol Dickey, Lucille Consolaro, Sandra Baumgartel, Tom Squiller, Cathy Scopel, Tom Wadsworth, Artie Hosey, Carole Buttyan, Dave Pressau, Kathy Ekas, and Pat Lasick.

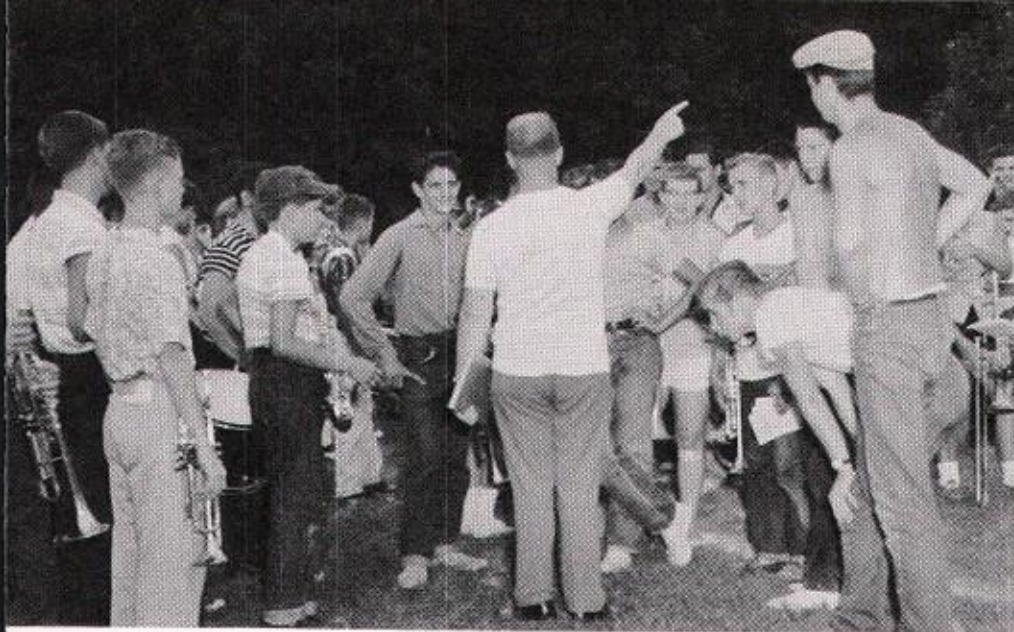
Senior band managers leaving are Janice Hudon and Ruth Filo. Ed Fleck, half-time announcer, and Connie Baker, Fran Mehalic, and Elaine Pennington, colorguards, are other senior band members.

Senior majorettes are Gloria Balbo, Margie Stewart, and Mary Tabacchi.



DEPARTING BRASS SECTION MEMBERS—The brass section will miss the valuable talents of Cathy Scopel, left, Tom Squiller, and Pat Lasick, all seniors, when next school season rolls around.





BACK TO THE TEN—Director Mauroni points out flaws in the “company” routine, as band members listen intently to his suggestions to remedy them.

THE THINKER—Mr. Mauroni ponders a question from the trombone section. Rest of the band takes a well earned, short break.

Hard Work and Fun *Mark 2nd Band Camp*

Camp Wakitatina, the YMCA camp located near Emlenton on the Allegheny River, was again the scene of the second annual West Deer band camp last summer.

The 64-piece marching band, as well as majorettes, cheerleaders, and colorguard, spent a week practicing new routines for the 1958-59 season.

Precision marching requires much practice, as all bandsmen soon learned.

Each day began with reveille at 7:15 and closed with taps at 10 p.m.

Three practice sessions were held each day. Extra time was spent in swimming and enjoying the other recreational activities ranging from folk dancing to boating.

Money for this successful project was earned by selling chocolate bars and by several Band Booster projects.

The week was concluded with a wiener roast and a talent show, sponsored by the ever helpful Band Boosters.

JUST FIDDLING AROUND (Right)—Tiger Watkins plunks the fiddle while his cabin buddy, Kim Stevenson, assists with the music. Enjoying the “symphony” are Harry Long, Art Hosey, Bill Stello, Dan Grass, and Ernie Koberlein. Cabin fellowship provided a lot of fun.



JUST FOR FUN (Below)—Mrs. London and Mrs. Stout, a couple of the Band Boosters who volunteered to be chaperones, join the senior girls in some cabin shenanigans. On top bunk are Judy Bonnier, Pat Lasick, and Beryl Stanford. Below are Cathy Scopel, Lucille Consolaro, and Janice Hudon.

MIGHTY GOOD, TOO! (Below)—“Forget about the diets!” say the West Deer majorettes as they dig in to the desserts during chow time at the camp. Leah Bryan particularly seems to be enjoying the delicious food. In fact, everybody rated food at the camp as being A-1.





SENIOR CHORUS—Performing at assemblies and the Spring Music Festival was the senior chorus. Members of the chorus are, from left, first row, Ruth Burns, Gloria Skillen, Kathy Ekas, Carol Dickey, Maureen Atkinson, Joyce Bowersox, Donna Reith, Marlene Venesky, Daisy Skidmore, Pearl Ashcraft. Second row, Tom Squiller, Jean Prymak, Judy John, Kathy Farrasso, Andrea Nether, Elaine Matze,

Shirley Fuhrer, Kathy Bernard, Ethel Cowfer, Darlene Fryer, Chylene Eversole, Dot Puskar, Dave Pressau. Third row, Janice Hudon, Janice Hazlett, Sandra Baumgartel, Arlene Zonarich, Nancy Bizic, Herman Dillner, Mary Ann Venesky, Lucille Consolaro, Judy Monnier, Regina Gerashenko, Beryl Stanford.

Chorus, Canteen Add to Music Appreciation



CANTEEN COMMITTEE—One of the most active groups in school was the Canteen Committee. Backed by the Band Boosters, they arranged for the Saturday night dances. Members of the club were, from left, seated, Gloria Balbo, Art Hosey, Bill Costello, Oliver Solinsky, Cathy Scopel. Second row, Margie Stewart, Marie Bibri, Leah Bryan, Jan Hudon. Third row, Jim Barnett, Bev London, Van Scott.

Promoting more music appreciation than any other group at West Deer would be the chorus and the Canteen Club.

The chorus, directed by Mr. Salvatore, performed at most of the major assemblies. They also took part in the Spring Festival which this year had the theme "Songs from South Pacific."

Responsible for the successful Saturday night canteen dances were members of the Canteen Club, assisted by the Band Boosters.

The Canteen Club sponsored the appearance of disc jockey Perry Marshall, of Station WEEP. It turned out to be one of the most enjoyable dances of the year at West Deer.

PRACTICE SESSION (Below)—The Chorus members love music so much that they are ready to sing any time, any place. Here, with Mr. Salvatore directing, they got together for a song session on the gym floor just before rehearsals started for the Christmas program. From left are Judy John, Judy Monnier, Kathy Farrasso, Beryl Stanford, Joyce Bowersox, Maureen Atkinson, Andi Nether, Gloria Skillen, Kathy Ekas, Janice Hudon, Sandy Baumgartel, Dot Bodnar, Mary Venesky, Kathy Bernard, Regina Gerashenko.





WE LOVE TO DANCE—No, it's not a scene of New Year's at Times Square. Instead, it's a typical scene of a dance being held in the

West Deer gym. Dances were actually fewer in number at West Deer than in past years. Most enjoyed was the Perry Marshall dance.



GOING PLACES—Enthralling the West Deer High crowd with their music are the Three Dots, young recording stars who visited here with Perry Marshall.



CELEBRITY (Above)—Bonnie Reynolds becomes the celebrity of the evening as she is interviewed by Perry Marshall, popular disc jockey from Station WEEP. Looking on are Sandy Dickson, Margie Costello, Andi Chatary, John Merli, Regina Gerashenko, and Mike Leggins. Perry proved to be a real hit at West Deer.

H, PERRY—A capacity crowd turned out for the Perry Marshall dance at West Deer High. The evening was kept in a gay mood by the talented radio announcer from Station WEEP. In addition to spinning records, he introduced new recording talent. He also obliged the crowd by autographing many pictures and



SPORTS . . .





Sports Rebuilding Meets Success in '58-'59 Season

Sportswise in '58-59, West Deer High School "quit being a doormat" and moved successfully forward on the second year of a three-term building program.

Coach Jim Marsili, fiery basketball mentor, uttered the famous "doormat" quote at the beginning of the basketball season. Coach Marsili told reporters, "They won't make doormats out of us this year." He was referring to the Braves' meager 2-and-20 record in the cage sport of the previous season.

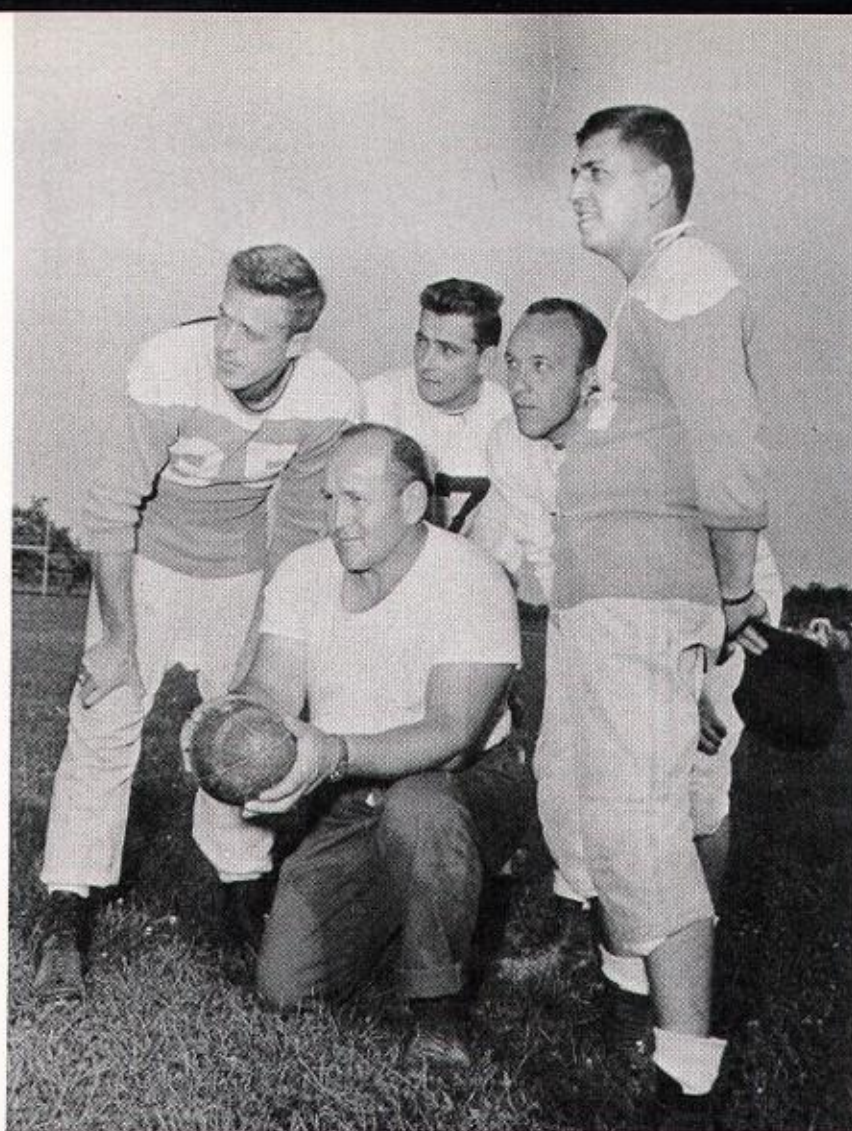
Indeed, the Braves were not doormats. Actually, they started the season in championship form, downing one opponent after another. They won seven of their first 10 games. The tough 12A league contention then began to take its toll. Final outcome, however, was the Braves on the top side of a healthy looking 13-9 record.

Football, under Coach John Karcis for the second year, was just as successful. In fact, when the gridiron Braves won their first three games in a row (including one over Arnold), fans were indulging in "league championship strategy." But here, too, a rough and tough schedule bogged the WD drive. End product was a 4-and-6 record—with two beautiful wins over Arnold and East Deer (for the Antler Trophy).

Other sports activity around the school was a bit sparse. The Bravettes, girls' basketball team, also turned in a good season. The high point was a phenomenal one-game scoring spree by Nancy Bizich, hitting for a grand total of 37 points. This actually set a school record for most points in one game.

All in all, the year brought prestige and respect to school via its strengthened sports program. And everybody agreed that most of the credit should go to a group of the hardest working, most sincere group of men that could be found anywhere—the West Deer High coaches.

1958 Grid Season



BOARD OF STRATEGY—Coach Karcis, kneeling, and his assistants scrutinize some scrimmage taking place on the field. In back are coaches Graham, Grottenthaler, Schultz, and Whartenby. Utilizing pure hard work and determination, the coaches were able to see many of their rebuilding goals taking shape.

West Deer's record of four wins and six losses during the 1958 football season is actually deceiving. It was a good season—at times even bordering on the spectacular.

It was one of the few seasons in WD's history when two of the most sought grid prizes—a win over Arnold and capture of the Antler Trophy—were both accomplished.

It was a season that outlined a picture of a potentially huge, powerful WD grid machine in the years ahead.

Coach Karcis' Braves started the season by defeating an up-and-coming Knoch team, 26-18. They jolted the entire A-K Valley the next Friday night by upsetting Arnold, 25-7. It was only the second time in WD's 15 year grid history that this ever happened. Next came a 25-6 romp over Aspinwall.

The bubble popped the next week at Ford City. The underdog Glassers continued their mastery of the Braves with a close 19-12 win. But there was still hope the next week when the Braves took on powerful Vandergrift. For

1958 FOOTBALL SQUAD—First row, from left, Don Freeman, Pete Biagi, Tony Busin, Bill Spondike, Ed Negley, Howard Suhan, Ted Wells, Jim Barnett, Mike Micklow. Second row, Nick Kamzalow, Ron Rearick, George Vranesh, Oliver Solinsky, Jim Fedison, Ron Smay, Fred Doman, Ron Fyala, Sparky Batcher, Terry Wienskovich. Third

row, Art Broge, Dick Simonetti, Harry Arbuthnot, Ed Valenti, Chuck Peckham, Ron Sabatini, Bill Capello, Ray Pieranunzi, and Paul Wimer. This is the squad that ended the Arnold jinx and brought home the Antler Trophy.



Proves Hot, Cold

while West Deer, leading 14-13 at the half, had theancers staggering. After losing several players via injuries and expulsion, WD crumbled, 38-14. Then the woes really began. A terrifically "up" Plum squad flattened the Braves, 47-27. And then there was that 40-13 disaster when Creepert, A-V Conference Champs for the third straight year, visited here.

It wasn't until the next week that the sun shone again when WD deflated East Deer, riding a three-game winning streak, 46-14, and thereby laid claim to the famed Antler trophy.

Glee ended when Springdale won out, 27-6. However, the most mortifying blow came in the season's finale when undefeated Oakmont smashed the Braves, 55-22, the largest score ever run up against a WD football team.

All in all, everyone will reflect on the '58 campaign as one marked with long touchdown runs, tough line play, fumbles, and the year we beat Arnold and East Deer—both in the same season!



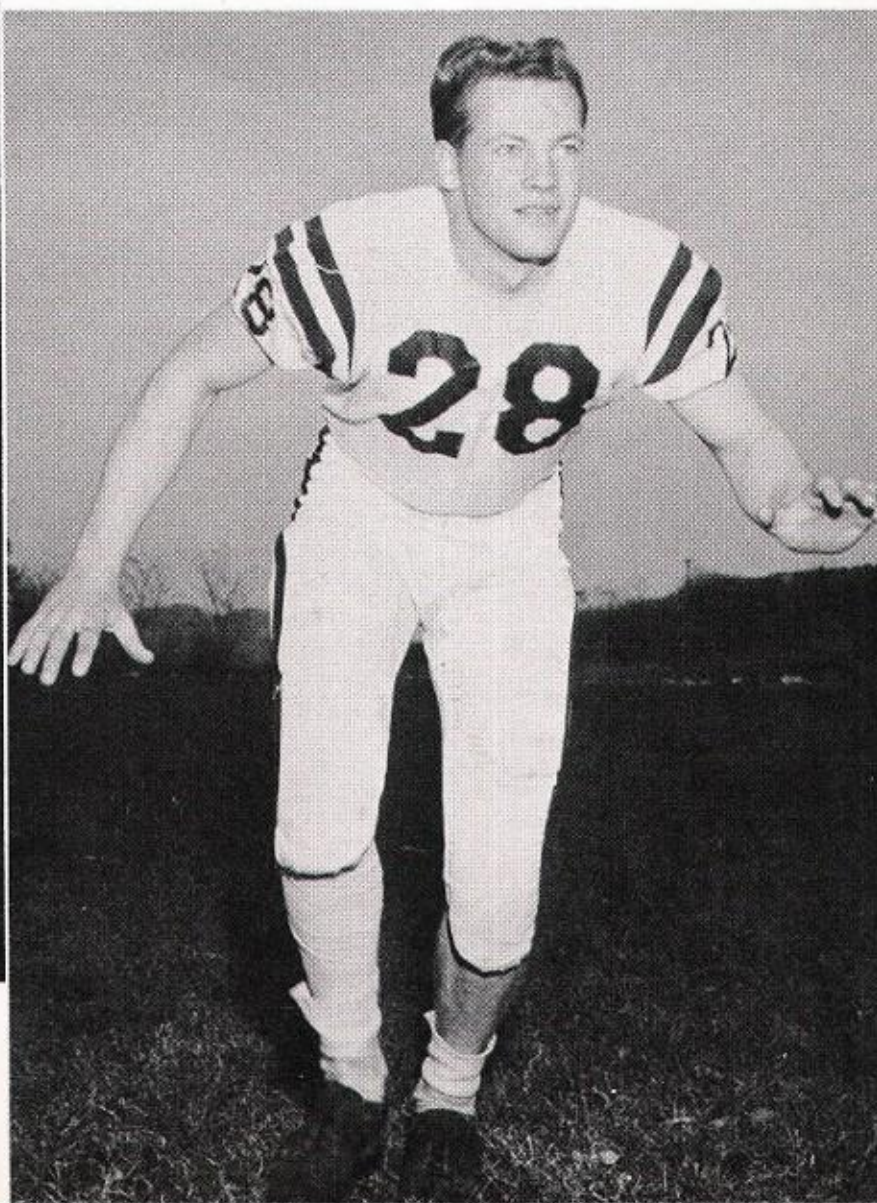
BULLET BILL—Although only a junior, Bill Capello (No. 43) has already recorded his name among West Deer all-time grid greats. The young, backfield sensation with super-sonic takeoff speed scored 87 points this season, most of them on long runs. The point total placed him high among the top ten leaders of the A-K Valley. Bill is seen in this photo picking up blockers and starting on one of his famous break-away runs.

ALL-STARS—Senior players received their share of recognition at the end of the season. Fred Doman was named West Deer's Most Valuable Player in the A-V Conference. He was picked also to The Valley Daily News All-Star team. Ron Smay was selected to the Valley's first team All-Star squad. Doman, Smay, and Ron Fyala, who saw limited action because of injuries, were cited by New Kensington Dispatch sports writers, as were Bill Capello, Art Broge, and Ray Pieranunzi, all three junior players.

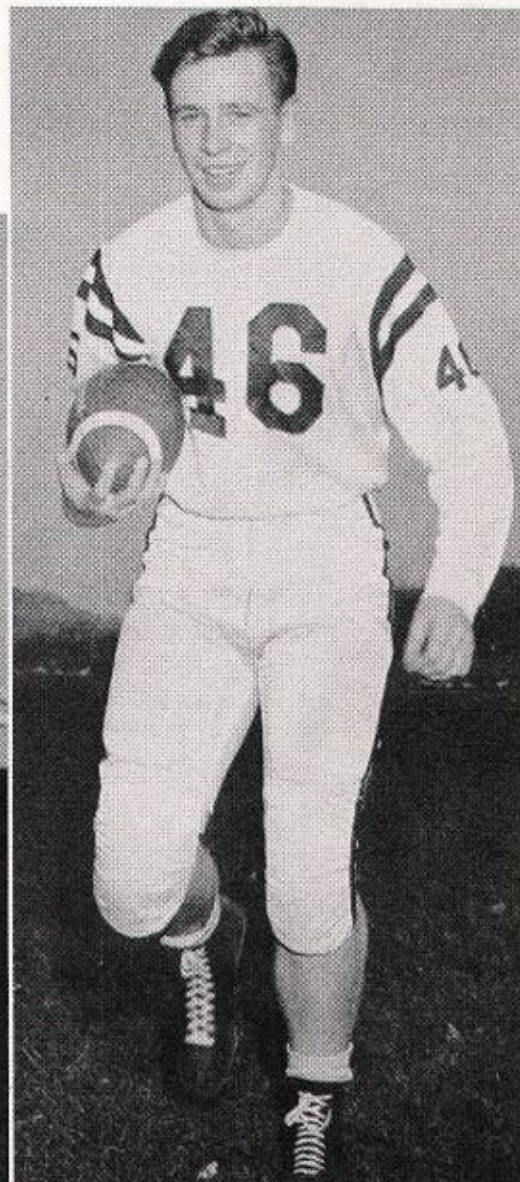
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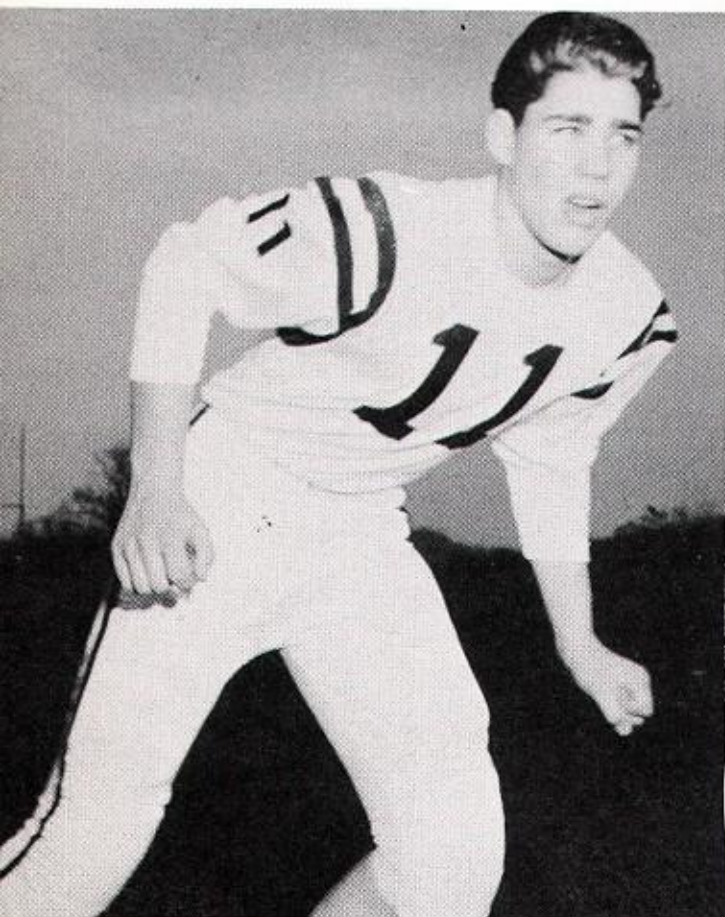


TACKLE RON SMAY



BACK RON FYALA

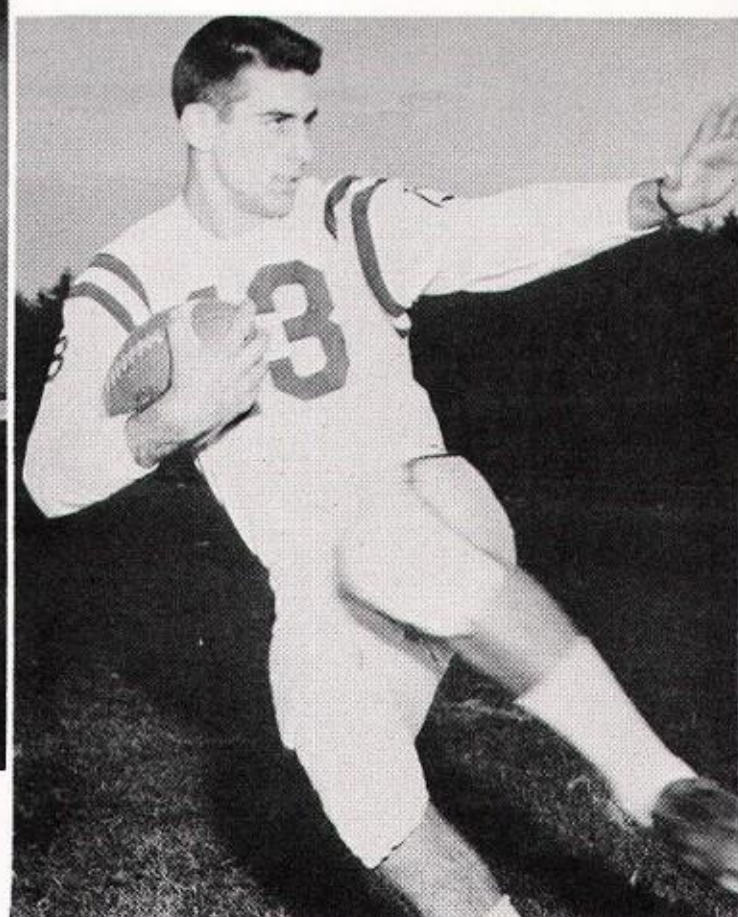




CENTER OLIVER SOLINSKY



QUARTERBACK JIM FEDISON



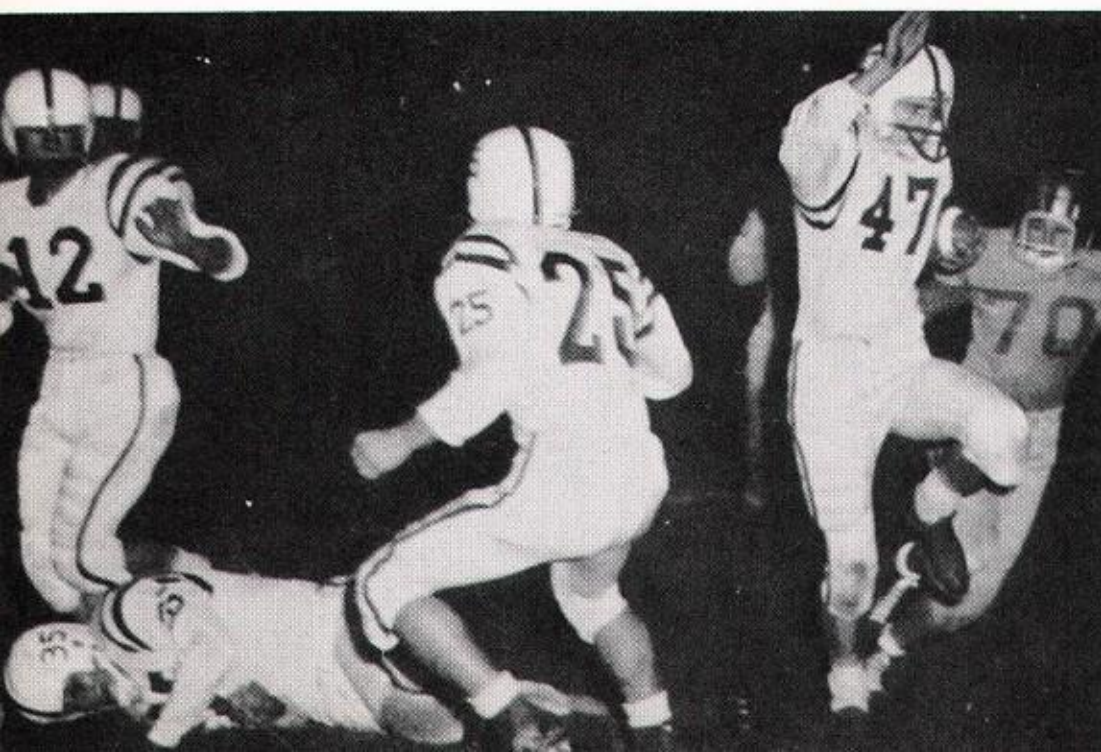
BACK GEORGE VRANESH

SENIOR PLAYERS (Top)—Oliver Solinsky, Jim Fedison, and George Vranesh were three seniors who added power to this year's squad. Vranesh emerged second highest scorer of the season with eight touchdowns and three extra points.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR (Right)—Bill Spondike (12) dashes around the left side after hooking on to a short pass from Jim Fedison. Spondike, a rugged sophomore end, earned what could be termed "rookie-of-the-year" honors. His most memorable showing was against Arnold when he turned the tide by scooping up a bouncing fumble and out-running the entire opponent team for 56 yards and a touchdown.

ALL THE WAY (Lower left)—Ray Pieranunzi (47) pours on the fuel as he finds his blockers and heads for paydirt. Pieranunzi was a consistent ground gainer in the Brave backfield. He was named to the Dispatch All-Star team.

IN THE CLEAR (Lower right)—This time it's George Vranesh (13) who finds the wide open spaces and tallies one of the eight touchdowns he scored during the season. Vranesh was one of the keys to WD gridiron success this year.





OFF TO BATTLE—One of the most thrilling moments of a game night is when the West Deer Braves roar onto the field. The entire band and cheerleaders form a corridor of honor, and the band strikes up the "West Deer Fight Song." Usually leading the pack are co-captains Ron Smay and Freddie Doman.

LET US PRAY—A solemn moment, not noticed by most of the fans, occurs before the beginning of each half at the football games. West Deer players bow and in unison extend a sincere prayer to God for protection.



GREAT BUNCH OF MOMS

—The best buddies the football players have are their Moms who are members of the Football Mothers Club. The hard-working mothers toil tirelessly in manning the concession stand and providing after-game snacks for the players. In addition to helping pay for letters and awards, the Football Mothers last year purchased a much-needed movie camera for sports use. This year they supplied film for the camera. Some of the club members are, first row, Mrs. Grunden, Mrs. Valenti, Mrs. Stopchuck, Mrs. Trofnoff, Mrs. Rearick, Mrs. Pieranunzi. Second row, Mrs. Broge, Mrs. Capello, Mrs. Fedison, Mrs. Brudney, Mrs. Barnett, and Mrs. Spondike.



JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL SQUAD—A record of one win, two defeats, and three ties was turned in by the junior high gridders of Coach Walt Schultz. The year was featured by some hard running by Tom Wells and Auggie Smarra. First row, from left, John Paholich, Jim Stewart, Rich Paszek, Bob Salmon, Fran Sobotka, Jim

Cowfer. Second row, Andy Ross, Dave Phillips, Tom Wells, Dick Sproul, Auggie Smarra, Ted Leggens, Arnold Booth. Third row, Harry Hall, Joe Paskorz, Jim Cunningham, John Merlie, Edward Scopel, Bob Rowe, Dave Nagy, and Ray Cushman, who was team's student manager and assistant coach.



VARSITY CLUB—One of the top honors an athlete can receive at West Deer is membership in the Varsity Club. It means that person has participated actively in a major sport and entitles him to letter and jacket awards. Members are, first row, from left, Fred Doman, Ron Fyala, Jerome Batchner, Bill Spondike, Paul Wimer, Ron Smay,

Jim Fedison. Second row, Stan Brudney, Ron Rearick, Rick Simonetti, Harry Arbuthnot, Bill Capello, Ray Pieranunzi, Ed Valenti, Pete Biagi. Third row, Terry Wienskovich, Tony Busin, Alfred Micklow, Oliver Solinsky, George Vranesh, Larry Sobotka, Art Broge. Batchner, Spondike, and Wimer won distinction of being the only sophomores.



HAPPY WARRIORS—Termed one of the best in school history, the 1958-59 basketball squad won the commendations of all at West Deer. Members of the varsity team were Bill Costello, kneeling; Bob Grun-

den, Dennis Makuta, Carl Potensky, Sonny Brudney, Jim Fedison, and Fred Doman, second row; Ren Mohar, and Joe Zrelak, third row. At lower right is West Deer's "Coach of the Year," Mr. Marsili.

1958-59 SEASON'S RECORD:

57	East Deer	50	56	Mars	34	49	Springdale	66
53	Verona	30	58	Kittanning	55	59	Plum	51
36	Shaler	46	46	Springdale	65	42	Oakmont	43
45	Aspinwall	32	61	Plum	44	47	Leechburg	71
63	Knoch	57	64	Oakmont	42	72	Freeport	70
41	East Deer	36	60	Leechburg	63	81	Verona	53
44	Knoch	56	47	Freeport	53	55	Tarentum	49
			56	Tarentum	64			

Varsity Cage Squad Compiles 13-9 Record

There will be smiles on the faces of West Deer High basketball fans when they tell of the 1958-59 basketball season.

Under the capable tutelage of Coaches Marsili and Schultz, the amazing Braves combined hard work and ability to come up with an improvement over the previous year that could be termed truly phenomenal.

Last year the cagers won two and lost 20; this year they won 13 and lost nine. Last year they were in the section 12A cellar; this year they were a first place contender before finding up in fourth place.

There were many thrilling games throughout the hard-fought season. One that will stand out, however, was when the Braves came within three points of upsetting the unde-

feated league-leader, Leechburg.

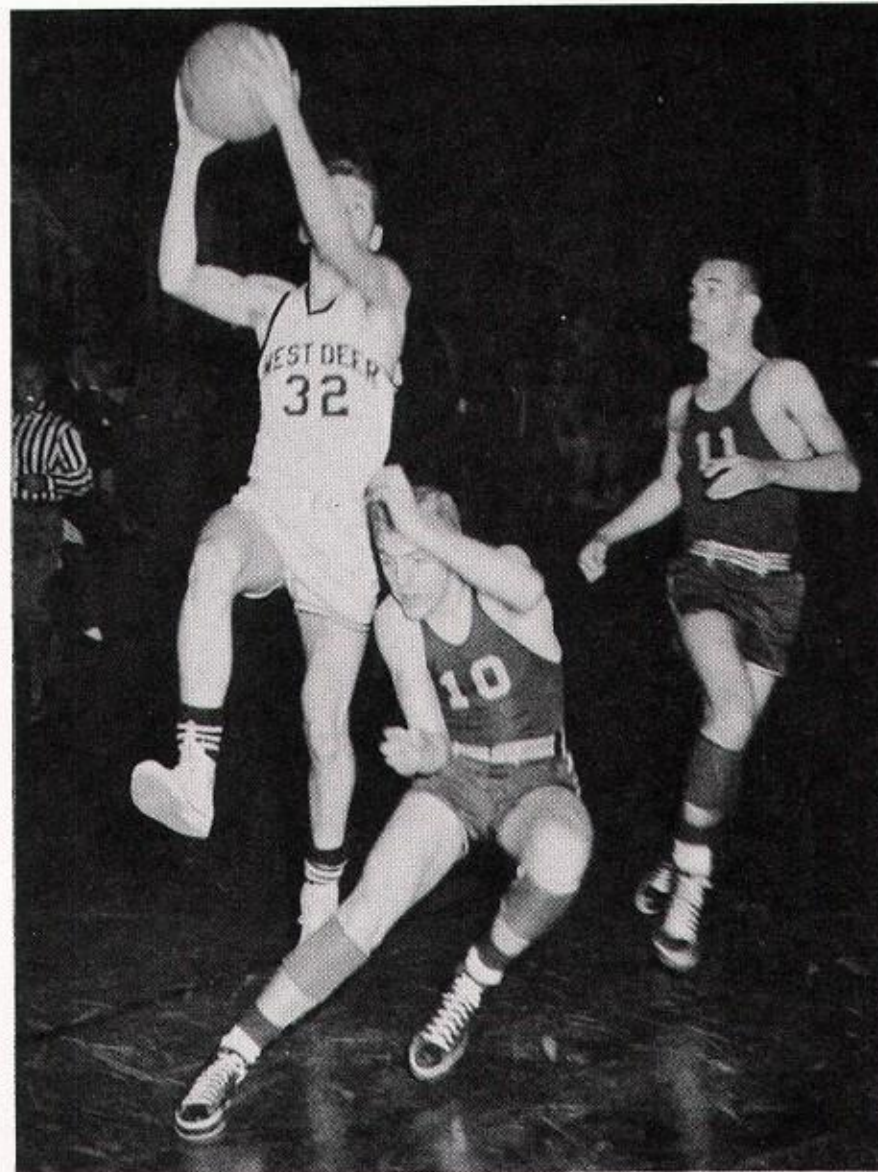
Although it was a season marked with top team effort on the part of all the players, the most talked about feat was the new season's scoring record established by Stan "Sonny" Brudney. Brudney totaled 372 points in 22 games, eclipsing the 354-point record set by Ray Gaul in 1956-57.

Recognition came also to Fred Doman, the senior all-sports ace. Doman was named to represent West Deer in all-star games at Arnold and Har-Brack.

Coach Marsili, who won the admiration of all for his tireless work with this year's team, was honored, too, by being chosen assistant coach of the AIC all-stars.



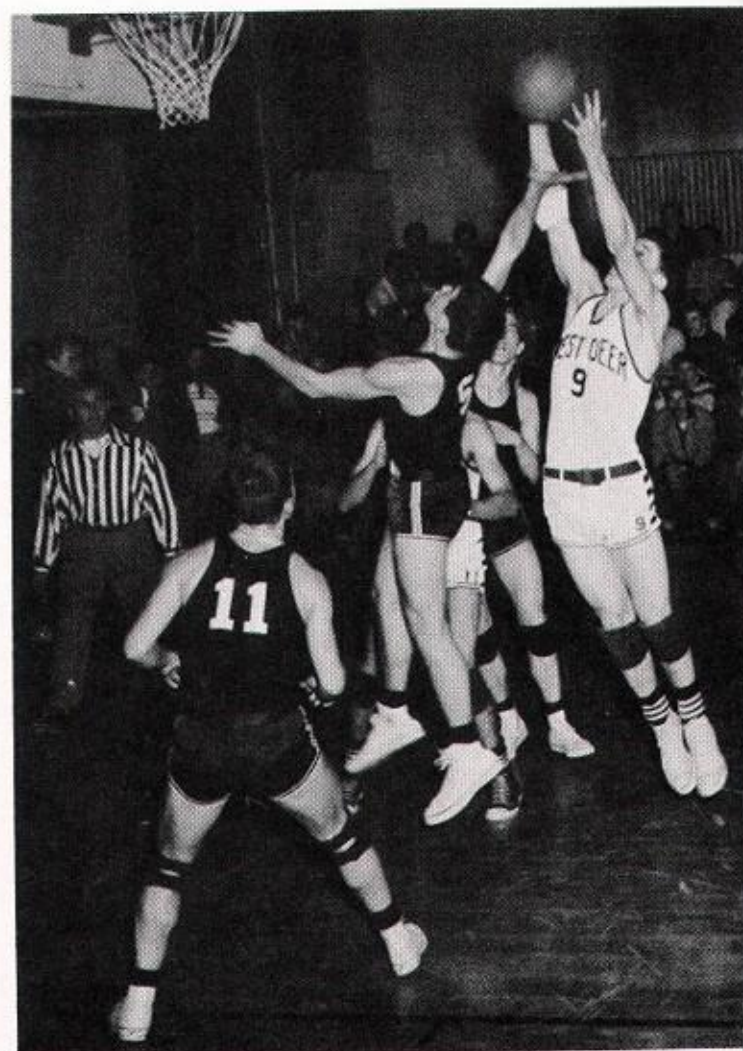
COME TO ME—Bill Costello, rangy senior center, outreaches all opponents to capture a rebound under the basket. Bill, who hit for a total of 97 points during the season, really got hot as the campaign drew to a close. He blasted for 25 points against Verona.



GANG WAY!—Opponents scamper as Jim Fedison (32) bolts down the alley to drop in a two-pointer. Although emerging the fourth highest scorer of the year with 167 markers, Jim was referred to Coach Marsili as the "real play-maker of the team and the man who set up more points for his teammates than any other person on the squad."



BIG SURPRISE (Left)—The lad who turned out to be the "rookie of the year" was Bob Grunden, flashy sophomore center. Playing his first year of varsity ball, Bob emerged third highest scorer with 180 points. He also was a valuable man on rebounds. Some say this talented sophomore could become one of West Deer's all-time basketball greats as he gains more experience in years ahead.



DOMAN HAS IT AGAIN! (Right)—Fred Doman (9) leaps and stretches to once again nab a rebound and put West Deer on the offensive. Fred netted 276 points during this season, good for second place. However, as an all-around team player, Fred rated a first place. Fred was, without a doubt, the senior athlete of the year at West Deer. For his ability and hard work he was named to two all-star squads.



STAN BRUDNEY

. Come next season he'll be shooting to break his own record.

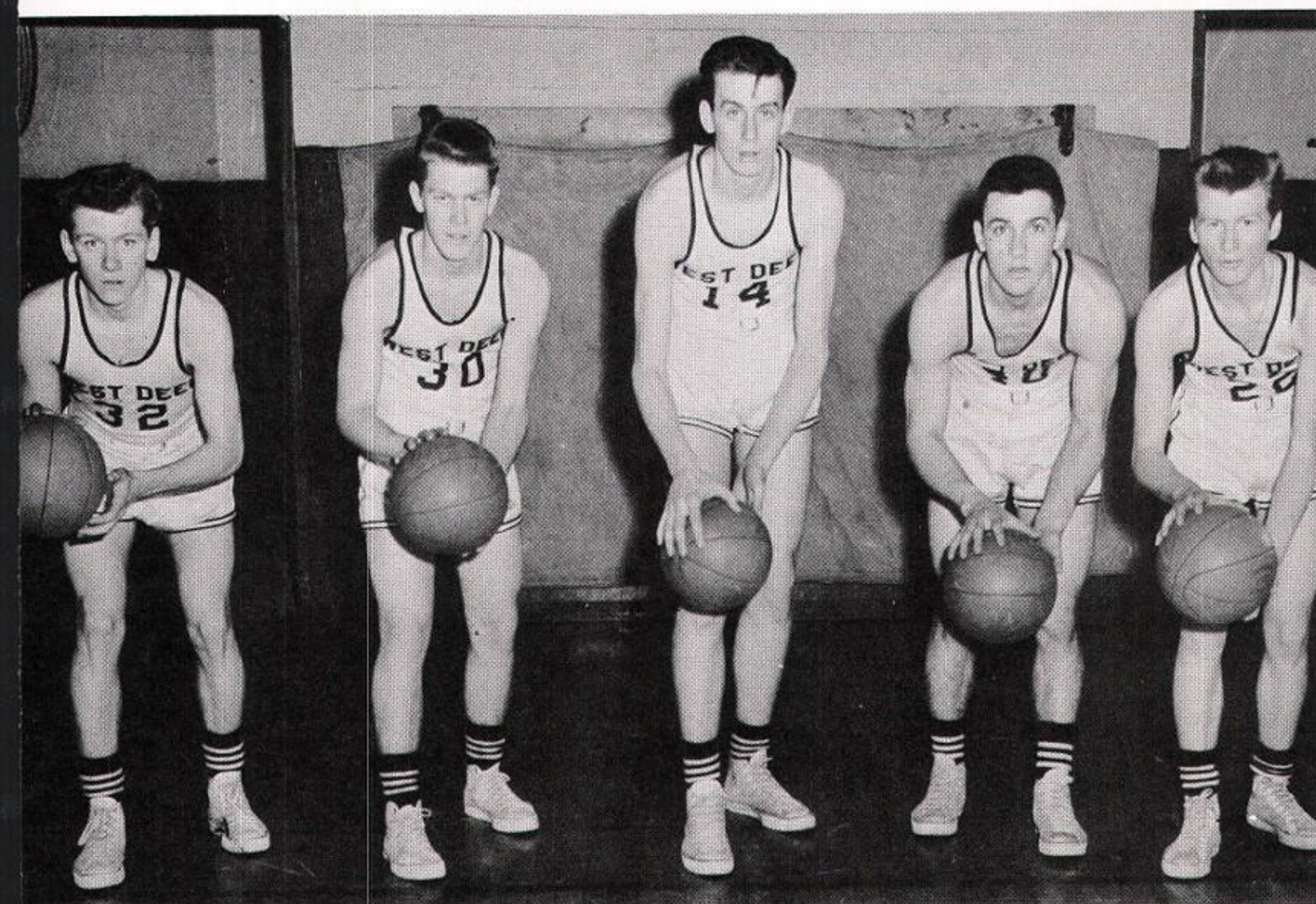
It was the last game of the year. The always-troublesome Tarentum Redcats were the opponents. A capacity crowd was on hand.

This was the dramatic setting for the record-making basketball event of the season. Stan Brudney, the Bairdford Bomber with the built-in bombsight, was only four points away from a new school record. It seemed easy—but yet anything could happen.

As everyone knows by now, however, Stan did get the four points plus 17 others to establish a new school record of 372 points in one season. It was quite a feat for a junior with average height (5'10") in a sport where tall men have the advantage.



TWO FOR THE RECORD—Brudney (12) breaks through the defense and lays in two more record-breaking points in the last game of the year with Tarentum. He tied the old record of 354 points by getting three points in the first quarter. He broke the record with a long fielder from the left side at the beginning of the second quarter. His per-game average of 16.9 also stands as a West Deer High record.



END BASKETBALL CAREERS—Five seniors made up the bulwark of this year's varsity. They were, from left, Jim Fedison, Art Hosey, Bill Costello, Fred Doman, and Joe Zrelak. Replacing these capable athletes will be Coach Marsili's big problem next season.

Jr. Varsity and Jr. High Have Good Season

Just like their varsity big brothers, the West Deer junior varsity and junior high squads turned in respectable records.

In fact, the best athletic record of the season was chalked in by the junior varsity, coached by Walt Schultz. The JV's won 14 and lost eight, one of the best marks in school history for the little Braves.

Duffy Murray, a spunky sophomore forward, was high scorer for the team with 279 points. Ron Sabatini was next

with 148. Rich Field also went over the century mark with 130 points.

Junior high won five games while losing nine. Coach Ernie Andriko did a top job in molding an inexperienced group of boys into a smooth working team. A stand-out was Dave Phillips, who sunk 131 points over the season. Other high point-getters were Gene Valerio, Augie Smarra, and Bill Dyer.

FUTURE VARSITY GREATS—Gaining a great deal of experience in this winning season, these JV players will be West Deer's future varsity greats. From left, kneeling, Bob Fyala, Ron Sabatini, Jack Thomas, Dick Grandy, Don Vidic. Second row, Jim Cowfer, Bill Capello, John Maholic, Mike Micklow, and John Murray, Coach Schultz. Missing from picture is Rich Field.



JUNIOR HIGH TEAM—First row, seated, Augie Smarra, Bill Dyer, Dave Phillips, Doug Scopel, Mike Olar, Jim Zachousky, Coach Andriko. Standing, Bob Salmon, Joe Paskorz, Don Newcamp, Dick Dickson, Leo Zilla, Gene Valerio, and Robert Garda.



Girls' Basketball Team Has Exciting Season

Girls' varsity basketball began to catch on more and more around the district, and for the second consecutive year the Bravettes of West Deer High competed in the sport.

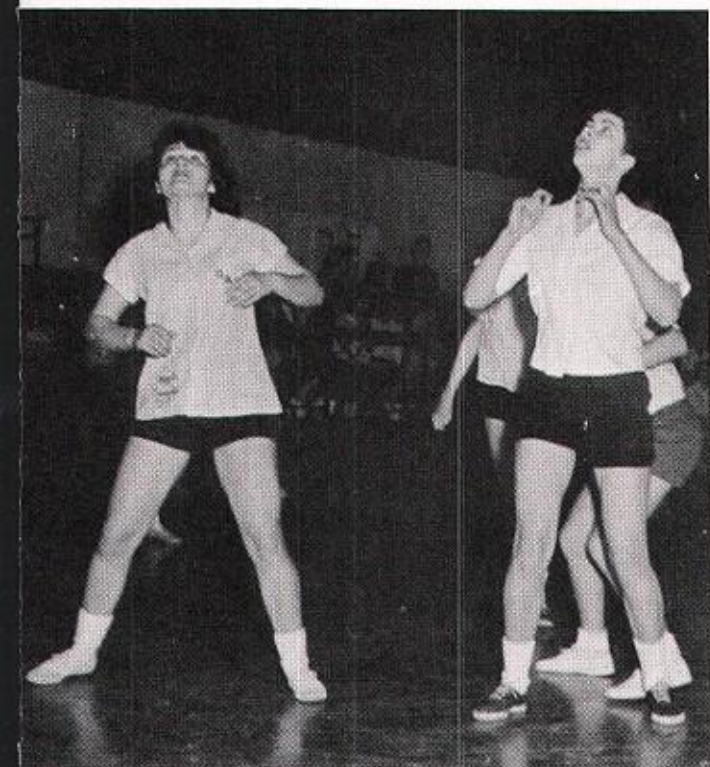
Although the Bravettes, coached by Miss Bossert and Winnie Murray, were still rebuilding and gaining experience this season, they were able to provide sports fans with West Deer's share of wins plus plenty of spectacular thrills.

The highlight of the season, no doubt, was the amazing one-game scoring record established by Nancy Bizich, star forward. Before being taken out of the game because of fouls in the third quarter, Nancy had racked up 37 points. This even topped a one-game scoring record of 34 points in boys' varsity play set by Ray Gaul in 1956.

The Bravettes were dealt a major setback mid-way in the season when Dot Bodnar, the other high scorer, was hospitalized and wasn't able to play for most of the remaining season.



BRAVETTE CHEERLEADERS—An added attraction to the Bravettes this season was their own cheerleaders. The cheerleaders were, kneeling, from left, Andi Nether and Ethel Cowfer. Standing, Gloria Skillen, Maureen Atkinson, Bev Bloom, and Carol Dickey. Missing from the picture is cheerleader Frances Graham.



RECORD SHOT (Above)—Two of Nancy Bizich's record-making points zoom through the basket. Nancy, on the right, hit for 37 points.

Season's Record

WD		WD	
49	St. Joseph's	47	25
24	Penn Hills	36	30
12	Knoch	63	40
15	Richland H.S.	39	15
37	Mars	40	21
			Richland Y.C. 43
			St. Joseph's 19
			Plum 23
			Richland Y.C. 41
			Penn Hills 31

THE BRAVETTES—First row, from left, Diane Graham, Judy Grden, Dian Bassett, Nancy Bizich, Fran Mehalic, Dot Bodnar. Second row, Miss Bossert, Joanne DeLuca, Marianne Venesky, Margie Stewart, Kathy Farrasso, Cathy Scopel, Nancy George, Miss Winnie Murray. Missing from photo are Nancy Stevens, Leah Bryan, Bonnie Reynolds, Kathy Kaduk, Sue Hartz, Irene Venesky and Dee Charney.





READY TO CHEER—Six of West Deer's best made up this year's varsity cheerleading squad. First year members of the squad were Dian Bassett, left, and Patty Lawrence, right. Audrey Evanega and Darlene Fryer, center, are juniors. Senior members are,

Nancy Bizich and Garnet Tomiczek. In order to become a cheerleader at West Deer, a student must have average or better grades, top personality, attractiveness, and must be chosen winner during competitions that draw more than 100 girls before final eliminations.

West Deer Cheerleaders Shine in 1958-59

School spirit toward athletics was enthusiastically led this year by six exceptionally fine West Deer cheerleaders.

The girls were Nancy Bizich and Garnet Tomiczek, seniors; Audrey Evanega and Darlene Fryer, juniors, and Dian Bassett and Patty Lawrence, sophomores.

Everywhere they went, the peppy and attractive West Deer cheerleaders rallied the Alma Mater spirit.

In addition to cheering at games, the girls took charge of providing pep incentives. A memorable event was the bon fire held the night before the East Deer game. It must have been successful, for the football team went on to "murder" Edfra, 48-12, the next night to win the Antler trophy.

West Deer fans and students will always remember cheers such as "Go Back," "Varsity Yell," and "Coach Yell," and they'll always remember the effervescent girls who led the cheering.

SENIOR CHEERLEADERS—Nancy Bizich, head cheerleader, and Garnet Tomiczek, senior, end their careers as West Deer cheerleaders this year after being varsity squad members for the past three terms. Both rated high with the students.





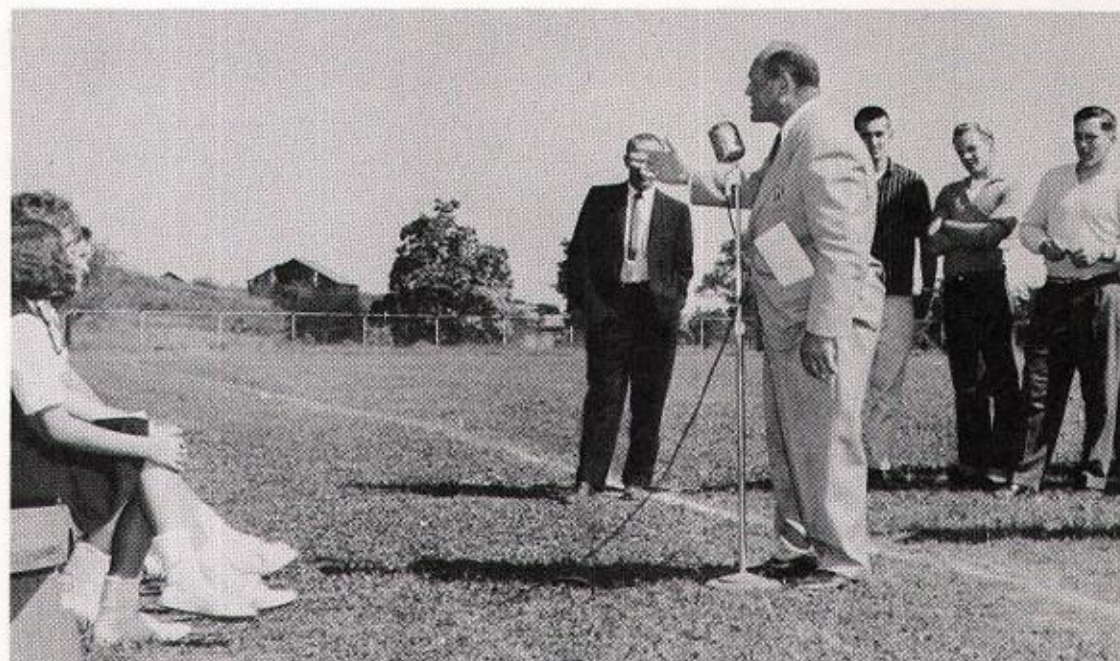
LET'S GO, GANG—A lot of vim, vigor, and vitality marked this year's squad of cheerleaders. Sparking it up at a pep meeting are, kneeling, Garnet Tomiczek, Patty Lawrence and Audrey Evanega. Standing are Dian Bassett, Darlene Fryer, and Nancy Bizich.



OUR NANCE—Everyone will remember the head cheerleader of 1958-59, Nancy Bizich, as being one of the most attractive and most able cheerleaders in the history of the school. Nancy started her cheerleading career by first being elected to the junior high squad while in 8th grade. She was a unanimous choice for senior high squad when she became a sophomore. She was again honored by being chosen head cheerleader this year by her fellow members of the cheerleading squad.



EVER HAD A CHANCE (Above)—This dummy representing rival East Deer never had a chance when he was tackled by cheerleaders Dian Bassett, Darlene Fryer, Audrey Evanega, and Patty Lawrence. The cheerleaders devised many incentives, such as special pep meetings, bon-fires, etc., to keep West Deer High School spirit unified and enthusiastic.



THE OLE' PRO SPEAKS—Mr. Karcis, head football coach, takes the microphone at one of the much enjoyed outdoor pep meetings and thanks the students for their support of the team. Looking on are Mr. Schultz, Fred Doman, Ron Smay, and Harry Arbuthnot.

YAY TO GO, TEAM! (Right)—Cheering the junior high teams on to victory this year were Louise Gezzi, Kathy Treisser, Jackee Stepp, Marlene Tabacchi, and Sandi Amico. Missing from the picture is Donna Latronica, who was appointed as junior cheerleader later in the season.



CLASSES . . .



School Life Enriched By Class Activities

The announcement of another spectacular Junior-Senior Prom, the sophomore S&S, and the election of class officers highlighted activities of the year.

The senior class, under the devoted leadership of Mrs. Cunningham, was first to get the ball rolling. The class put on a successful play, "A Date with Judy," which helped raise funds for senior projects. There was a maze of senior activities which ranged from senior pictures to name cards to dinner dances to graduation activities, etc., etc. In senior politics, George Vranesh was elected class president for the fourth consecutive year. Other class and homeroom officers were Lucille Consolaro, Ruth Filo, Mary Leta Tabacchi, John Conroy, Regina Gerashenko, Patty Gloz, Joanne Mozuch, Ralph Kirchner, Ed Fleck, Judy Monnier, and Carole Buttyan.

The juniors made the headlines of the year by clearing over \$1,000 in the biggest class auction in the history of West Deer. In November the juniors received their class rings. Early in January plans were announced to hold the prom at Hotel Webster Hall, Pittsburgh, on June 5. Thus, this turned out to be another class first. Stanley Brudney was again named president of the class. Other homeroom and class officers were Bill Gray, Ed Valenti, Audrey Evanega, Bill Capello, Charles Brown, Janet Rusnak, Betty Martin, Dee Charney, Sandy Massimino, Leah Bryan, Daisie Skidmore, Arlene Zonarich, and Bessie Craig. Soon after the officer elections the juniors picked their class motto, "Success through Diligence and Faith in God"; colors, orchid and white, and flower, carnation. Mr. Formento served as the faculty sponsor.

"Danceland in Blue" was the theme for the annual S&S party arranged by the sophomores for the seniors. It turned out to be quite a memorable event. Sophomore homeroom officers were Ray Cushman, Rege Mull, Ruth Burns, Linda Kirby, Paul Wimer, John Murray, Sparky Batchner, Fred Skurka, Kathy Mahnick, Rich Field, Arlene Gray, Judy Grden, Jack Capello, Virginia McCall, and Howard Suhan. Class sponsor was Mr. Andriko.

Another gay spring party topped Freshman activities of the year. Officers elected were Sandi D'Amico, Marlene Tabacchi, Valerie Malone, Dick Sproul, Jim Cowfer, Pat Shurina, Ken English, Rich Paszek, Jim Farrasso, Dan Hamelka, Ann Latronica, Barb Knight, August Smarra, Don Newcamp, Linda Girdwood, and Polly Slenkovich. Faculty sponsor of the class was Mr. Zilla.



Eager Seventh Graders Plunge Headlong into

T. Aliff
M. Allison
C. Bartchy
C. Baumgartel
R. Bennett
B. Biehl
P. Bobish
J. Boch



H. Boch
C. Bohn
D. Bollenbacher
J. Bonovitz
P. Bongiovanni
M. Bridgewater
E. Brooks
T. Burke



T. Buttvan
J. Bzorek
A. Catherwood
R. Chambers
N. Cheskey
J. Collier
S. Collier
T. Costello



R. Cotton
G. Cowfer
W. Cowfer
B. Craft
C. Dernus
B. Dobrowski
D. Durochia
N. Dyer



D. Edwards
M. Elter
E. Eversole
J. Eversole
W. Eversole
D. Falconer
B. Fleck
J. Fuhrer



R. Garda
D. Garvin
S. Garvin
N. Gbur
G. George
T. Gestrich
S. Gill
P. Gordon



C. Gornick
J. Grill
R. Grimes
L. Guerrieri
L. Halovanic
R. Hazlett
N. Hoffman
A. Hohman



M. Horchar
C. Hudak
P. Hudak
K. Hunter
C. Jackson
G. Johns
D. Kallstrand
T. Kamzalow



V. Kenyon
A. Kinniburgh
L. Kinsey
L. Kirkpatrick
E. Koberlein
M. Kratz
G. Kubisa
P. Lager



S. Langfitt
D. Latronica
D. Lindgren
H. Long
A. Longdon
G. Machen
D. Makuta
C. Malone



Sea Of Studies, Activities, and School Service



E. Matko
K. McBride
R. McCall
E. McHarg
D. McRobie
K. Mellon
R. Mennow
D. Miller

L. Miller
R. Miller
R. Miller
S. Miter
A. Moskala
C. Murray
L. Nary
S. Nicolazzo

C. Nolker
M. Norris
E. Nypaver
R. Ostrowski
J. Paskorz
S. Pekny
J. Peluchetti
K. Peluchetti

B. Pencak
W. Perozek
E. Pernick
D. Petrina
J. Pidherny
C. Pivni
R. Poletunow
S. Pollock

F. Porter
V. Proco
J. Puskas
P. Rawlins
H. Riley
D. Rokoski
D. Rymer
G. Savage

C. Schneider
J. Schroder
B. Setzenfand
P. Simonetti
E. Skurka
J. Skurka
N. Smith
R. Stello

T. Sonnie
B. Springer
L. Stipetic
K. Stevenson
L. Studebaker
C. Tabacchi
F. Tabacchi
L. Tabacchi

D. Thomas
E. Thornton
J. Tomaszewski
T. Trevellini
L. Truckley
M. Truckley
S. Truckley
P. Turner

A. Vagnozzi
W. Venesky
M. Verbetic
S. Vioral
P. Waldron
Y. Wells
C. Wienskovich
R. Wenzel

J. White
R. Wilkinson
L. Zilla
D. Zoch

Eighth Graders Prepare for Advanced Courses

S. Adams
S. Aliff
S. Ambrosi
J. Arbogast
H. Atkinson
J. Atkinson
C. Avmar
K. Balog



R. Baron
L. Beckes
J. Bielata
D. Bobish
M. Boch
J. Boris
J. Boris
L. Broge



V. Brown
T. Bryan
S. Buchanich
S. Buck
C. Budz
B. Burns
J. Bush
R. Catherwood



G. Cendrowski
P. Chelpanoff
J. Chrestin
J. Cunningham
J. Cunningham
B. Currin
E. Cyphert
J. Dawson



S. Dembaugh
R. Dickson
G. Divelbiss
J. Dlugopolski
R. Duncan
R. Ellena
N. Erskine
B. Eversole



M. Fleck
M. Flynn
J. Freeman
J. Freeman
D. Fry
L. Gezzi
R. Gides
H. Gillner



R. Gilson
C. Godlewski
D. Godlewski
F. Gornick
P. Grandy
R. Grass
L. Grebeck
B. Grossick



J. Grunden
H. Hall
J. Hartz
B. Hoffman
J. Holland
E. Hollo
B. Jamison
L. Johansson



D. John
D. Jones
T. Kelly
M. Kenyon
D. Kerr
R. Kirsch
G. Klimezek
M. Klobuchar



T. Kosdemba
R. Kotts
B. Kristoff
F. Kulyn
B. Lager
G. Lassinger
T. Leggens
E. Lekse



They Will Have as Students in Senior High School



N. Lovic
J. Lytle
K. Makuta
M. Makuta
F. Malizewski
W. Manifold
J. Marcinko
C. Marsiglio



J. McCallister
L. McDonald
D. McMasters
J. Merli
J. Miller
P. Monarko
J. Monnier
E. Moro



S. Nagy
L. Navarro
S. Negrich
B. Newman
C. Nolker
G. Novak
B. Olar
M. O'Malley



D. Ordakowski
R. Paholich
N. Papriska
R. Paszek
W. Paszek
J. Patrick
W. Pawloski
V. Pawloski



P. Pernick
K. Preisser
A. Proco
B. Rearick
J. Rebrey
L. Reiber
R. Romack
R. Rowe



J. Swanhart
E. Scopel
J. Sierkieski
G. Simonetti
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B. Smay
J. Stewart
N. Storoz



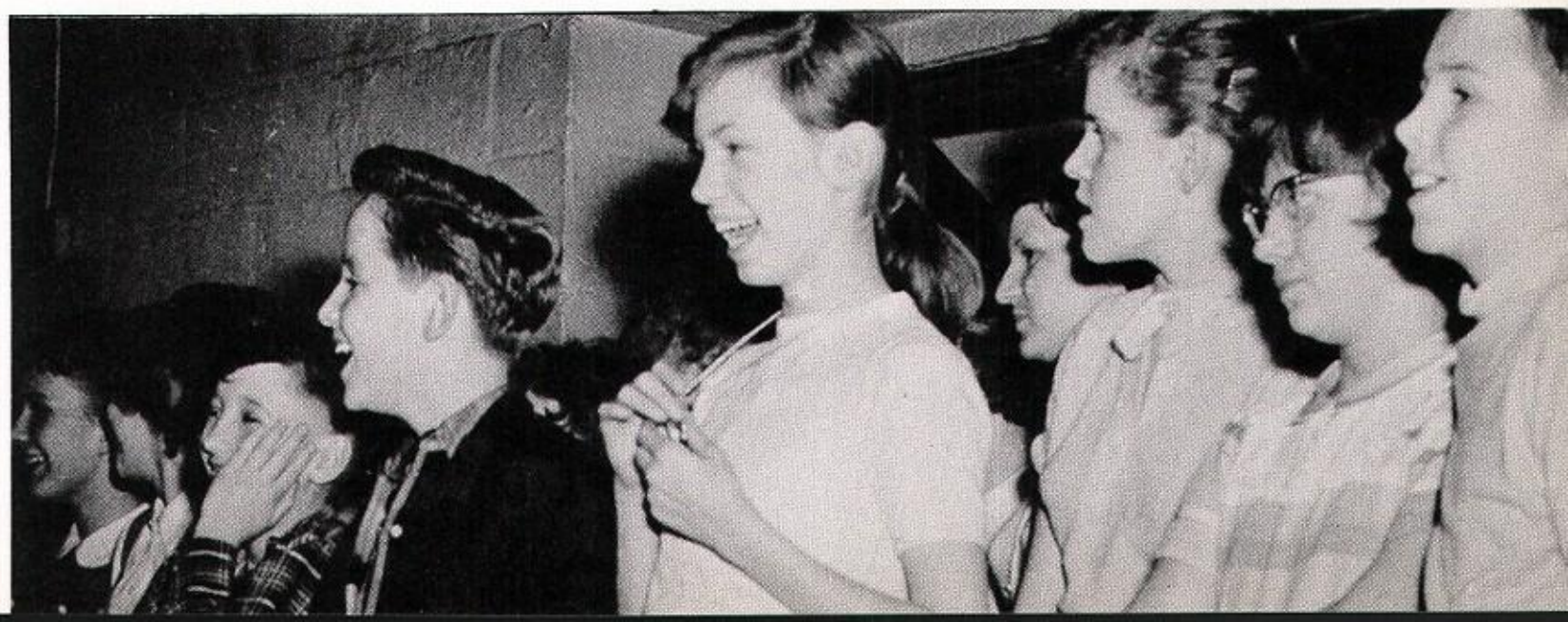
K. Sukanovich
T. Sweeney
T. Tipe
R. Trevellini
R. Uchic
S. Utescher
T. Wagner
D. Waite



N. Weaver
T. Wells
O. Werner
L. White
M. Yura
M. Zebracki
R. Zelazowski
J. Zenewicz



F. Zonarich



GOOD SHOW—Group of junior high pupils look mighty pleased. Must have been another WD basket.

Freshmen Stand Before Threshold of Senior High



Augie Smarra
PRESIDENT



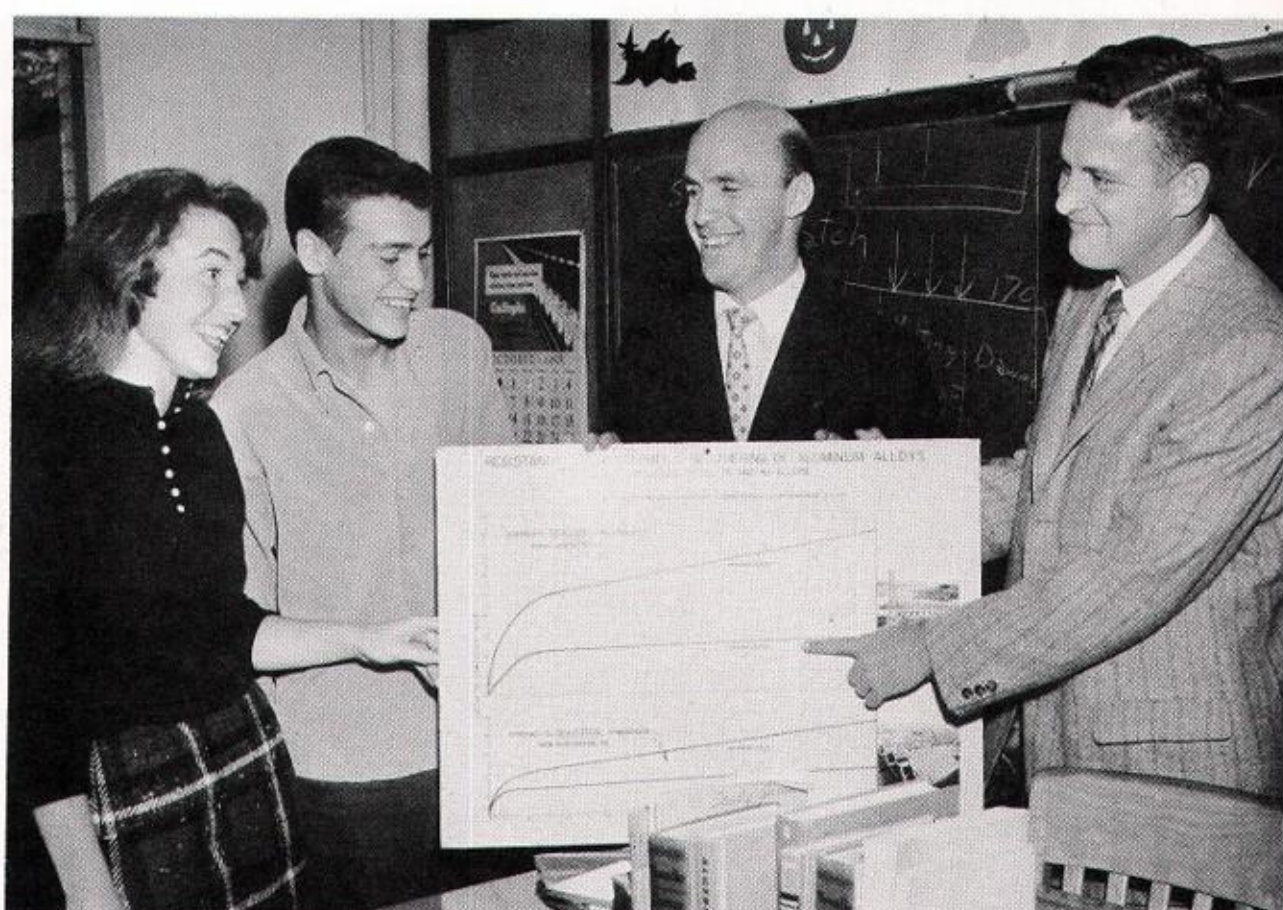
Marlene Tabacchi
VICE-PRESIDENT



Dave Nagy
SECRETARY



Jim Farrasso
TREASURER



LEARNING CAN BE FUN—Freshmen Elaine Cassol and Augie Smarra seem to be enjoying a session in one of their classes. The two teachers in this case are William Harrell, of PPG Research Lab, and William King, of ALCOA Research. The two men took over as teachers for a day in a special exchange program held. Both students and guest instructors enjoyed the experience.



Fran Adams



John Agnic



Steve Alex



Nancy Allen



Dave Allison



Jack Allsopp



Virginia Antoninka



Ray Atkinson



Dan Aymar



Donna Barnett



Ernestine Bassetti



Barb Bennett



Ruth Bizich



Marlene Blostic



Margaret Bock



Arnold Booth



Carol Bruggeman



Joan Burdek



Josephine Burns



Margie Buydoso



Mary Buydoso



Evelyn Cajka



Elaine Cassol



Patty Castello



Andrea Chatary



Barbara Collier



Fred Cowfer



Jim Cowfer



Paul Cox



Char Cunningham



Joel Cunningham



Sandi D'Amico



Jim Cyphert Jerry Davis Kaye Davis Jan DeMartini Sandy Dickson Bill Dyer Cathy Ellena Ken English



Joe Ferraiuolo David Filo Earl Fish Randy Fleck Jim Fryer Ruth Gedraitis Jean Gentile Bob Gestrich



Dee Gizienski Diane Graham Elaine Gravitt Tom Griffith Marie Guerrieri Ron Haines Ron Halovanic Dan Hamelka



Joe Harriman Marie Hawksworth Blaine Hemphill Cheryl Hess Mike Hilla Della Hoffman Gerri Hudon Sandy Husarik



Beverly Irvine Donna Johnstone Becky Josefczyk Joan Kanuchok Joan Karen Nancy Kelly Barb Knight Tony Kotts



Ron Kozik Beverly Kratz Pat Kubisa Chuck Lake Theresa Lamperski Anna Latronica George Lavrich Mike Leggens



Lynn Lindgren Ron Lojack Valerie Malone Alice May Marshall Arlene Marshall Regis Massack M. E. Mathewson Marge McWhirter



Alan Michael Donna Micklo Ron Micklo Fay Miller Stanley Moskala Lanny Nary Don Newcamp Margaret Nicolazzo



Chuck Novak Mike Olar M. M. Olson Jackie Owcar John Paholich Audrey Paskorz Mary Ann Paskorz Ron Paskorz



Richard Paszek Dave Phillips Josephine Pivni Margie Pivni Nancy Pollock Sandy Pollock Barry Protheroe Jean Prymak



Louis Radonovich David Ranker Flo Rearick Mark Reid JoAnn Riley Andy Ross Bob Salmon Tom Schaller



Ed Schultz Douglas Scopel Jan Sedmak Betty J. Seibert Pat Shurina Barb Skurka Patty Slenkovich Polly Slenkovich



Carol Smith Fran Sobotka Mike Salomon Anita Sonnie Dick Sproul Jackee Stepp Ron Storoz Chester Stuckey



Joy Swanhart Tom Tahon Lois Tomiczek Elaine Turner Gene Valerio Joyce Valerio Carole Vorp Ronald Watkins



Mary Ann Werner Joan Wetzell James Zachousky

SWEET MUSIC—Using a yardstick as a baton, Bill Busino leads his all-girl freshman chorus in a few stanzas of appropriate Christmas music. Bill was one of several new freshmen who entered WD this year.



Sophomores Enjoy First Year of Senior High



Fred Skurka
PRESIDENT



Kathy Mahnick
VICE-PRESIDENT



Anna M. Papriska
SECRETARY



Diane Uchic
TREASURER



S&S CHOW TIME—Fred Matko, Jack Capello, and Fred Skurka serve it up at the now famous, traditional S&S food table. Gerry Werner is all smiles as she carries off her "supplies." The Sophomore-Senior party turned out to be another very successful event again this year.



Robert Adams



Kay Altman



Wally Andzrejowski



Bernadine Ballas



Dian Bassett



Jerome Batcher



Ed Baumgardner



Carol Bonovitz



Ida Brick



Barbara Brewer



Jim Bryner



John Bucci



Ruth Burns



Leroy Buttyan



Jack Capello



Ron Cheran



Walter Cheskey



Elaine Collier



JoAnn Conroy



Johanna Consolaro



Harry Coots



Margie Costello



Ray Cushman



Joan DeKleva



Leonard DeLuca



Joyce Edgar



Herman Dillner



Linda Ekas



Carol Enie



Dennis Falconer



Terry Feeley



Joyce Ferrance



Rich Field Don Freeman Bob Fyala Sue Gall Bud Garvin Barb Gbur Martin Gentile Nancy George



Donna Gigante Joe Gill Sarah Gornick Arlene Gray Judy Grden Barb Grebeck Jim Griffith Barb Grill



Bob Grunden John Harriman Sue Hartz Vic Hemphill Nancy Hunter Doug Hutchison Kathy Kaduk Nick Kamzalow



Linda Kirby Patty Lawrence Grace Lewis Corky Longdon Lenora Machen Donna Malecki Ralph Maliszewski Nancy Mallinso



Peggy Marcinko Mike Marstellar Fred Matko Delores Mayhugh Bob McBride Virginia McCall Eileen McCorkle Ron McCorkle



Ed Mialky George Micklow Mike Micklow Norbert Miller Fred Mohar Joe Mondino Rege Mull John Murray



Ed Negley Emily Negrich Rich Olar Elaine Paskorz Pat Pawloski Chuck Peckham Sam Pidhurny Jane Pierce



Marie Plesha Ruth Podgornik Barb Porter John Proco Bob Pugachow Janet Radishak Mary Radonovich Bonnie Reynold



Sally Rymer Judy Schreckengost Dave Seibert Dave Setzenfand Olga Shurina Marsha Shustic Rich Snyder Bill Spondike



Nancy Stephen Shirley Stipetic Charlotte Stuckey Betty Suchan Howard Suhan Dan Tabacchi Loretta Tabacchi Rich Tady



Rita Tady Betty Trusiak Irene Venesky Loretta Venesky Barb Victain Don Vidie Tom Vioral Dan Wagner



Pete Vukelich Carol Walters Ted Wells Gerry Werner Ellen Wetzel Len Whitecomb Paul Wimer Doug Wisnesky



Leroy Zalus John Zenewicz Ed Zrelak Phil Skurka



ONE, TWO, THREE HOP—Sophomore Bonnie Reynolds leads the way, along with several other sophomore girls, in a class party. The sophs really whoop it up!



LET'S HAVE A PARTY—This is the cry of a group of sophomores at one of the class parties. From left are Doug Wisnesky, Terry Feeley, Margie Costello, Ted Wells, Ellen Wetzel, Dan Tabacchi, and John Proco.

Juniors Set Pace in Classes and Activities



Stanley Brudney
President



Leah Bryan
Vice-President



Sandy Massimino
Secretary



Dee Charney
Treasurer



JUNIORS ENTERTAIN VISITORS—Juniors Bill Capello and Sandy Massimino, seated at chemistry table, explain some of the scientific equipment to a group of West Deer business and women who toured West Deer High during annual Visitation Day. At table are Capello, Massimino, Mrs. Vranesh, and Mrs. Stanford. Standing are Mr. Benke, Mr. Capello, Mr. Plucinski, Mr. Bongiovanni, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Michael, and Mr. Palmer. Throughout the year members of the junior class maintained a record of high scholastic achievement. And in activities of the year, the juniors surprised the school by being even more successful than any of their predecessors. They recorded the highest profit ever made by a school organization when their Junior Auction grossed over \$1,000. At this writing, the class was going ahead with plans for the annual Junior Prom, this year at Hotel Webster Hall. "You haven't seen anything yet!" say the juniors as they eye the coming term.



Donna Allen



George Angeloff



Andy Antoninka



Harry Arbuthnot



Mike Armstrong



Pearl Ashcraft



Maureen Atkinson



Jim Barnett



Ted Barsolo



Bob Beitko



Kathy Bernard



Pete Biagi



Marie Bibri



Ed Biehl



Beverly Bloom



Linda Bongiovanni



Don Bonin



Art Broge



Chuck Brown



Chuck Bucci



Frank Buchanich



Barb Burdek



Tony Busin



Tony Buydoso



Bill Capello



Diane Cheskey



John Clifford



Dave Cowfer



Ethel Cowfer



Bonnie Craft



Bessie Craig



Helen Dawson



Shirley DeMartini Madeline DeVando Charlotte Dockman Audrey Evanega Charlene Eversole Loretta Eversole Vince Ferraiuolo Darlene Fryer



Shirley Fuhrer Ron Garda Greg Georgieff Joe Gizienski Fran Graham Dick Grandy Dan Grass Ron Gravitt



Bill Gray Jim Grottenthaler Joe Halovanic Chris Hodges George Hollibaugh Gordon Irvine Judy John Ron Josefczyk



Barb Kaminsky Jerry Kemman Lou Kirchner Bob Kirsch Dorothy Kochnut Bob Lawrence Leon Lawrence Barb Lekse



Charlotte Linamen Bev London Ron McAdams Larry McAdams Howard McDonald Theresa Malic Dennis Makuta Joe Makuta



Pat Makuta Betty Martin Frank Matko Elaine Matze Tom Mawhinney Steve McMasters Vic Mennow Theresa Miller



Ron Mohar Stan Paszek Tim Peck John Pelzarski John Pernick Eileen Pierce Carl Potensky Jerry Porter



Bob Proco Dee Puskarich Carol Ranker Ron Rearick Joe Rieg Joyce Romack Janet Rusnak Ron Sabatini



Kathy Scott Al Schreckengost Bob Schroth Mabel Schroth Diane Schwartz Agnes Semler Dick Simonetti Daisie Skidmore



Gloria Skillen Pat Stanish Leon Stettmier Martin Stopchuck Jan Swanhart Della Thomas Jack Thomas Betty Tibensky



Barb Vedro John Uchie Ed Valenti Marlene Venesky Tony Vioral Ken Vorp Terry Wienskovich Joe Yourish

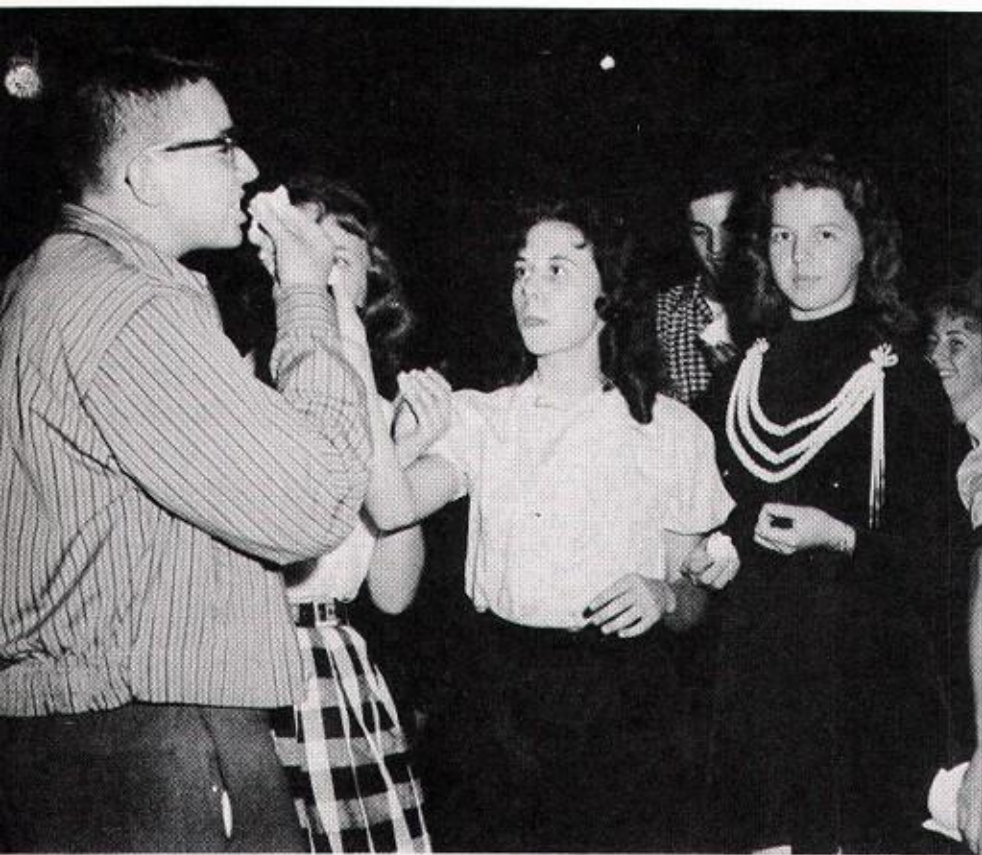


Arlene Zonarich

SERVICE WITH A SMILE (Right)
—Two junior library assistants, Eileen Pierce and Betty Martin, give Nancy Papriska some cordial service in the library.



JUST WATCH ME, GIRLS! (Below)
While his friends look a bit disturbed, Chris Hodges, who was on a diet this year, shows how to quickly dispose of a cake. Trying to halt Chris are Bessie Craig, Elaine Matze and Leah Bryan, not on diet.



SHARPED UP JUNIORS (Right)—Some juniors look mighty sharp as they lead the way to the annual Move-Up Day ceremonies. The juniors are awaiting that big moment when they are pronounced West Deer seniors.



Capable Officers Lead the Class of 1959



George E. Vranesh
CLASS PRESIDENT

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED . . .
MOST POPULAR . . . FRIENDLIEST
BEST ALL-AROUND PERSON . . .
BEST LEADER . . . MOST HELPFUL
NEATEST DRESSER . . . Football . . . Basketball . . . Sr., Jr., Soph., Fresh. Class pres. . . Nat'l Honor Society . . . Coalagra staff . . . Antler staff . . . Hi-Y . . . Greatest asset to the Class '59 . . . Always has a joke or comment ready . . . Big reason for success auction and Showboat Prom . . . Second highest scorer on football team . . . George is just "one great guy."

Ruth F. Filo
CLASS SECRETARY

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED . . .
BEST ALL-AROUND PERSON . . .
MOST HELPFUL . . . MOST AMBITIOUS . . . Soph. Class sec. . . Antler chief typist . . . Coalagra staff . . . Band gr. . . Chorus . . . Business Club veep . . . Book Club sec. . . Homeroom Officer . . . Nat'l Honor Society sec. . . whiz at a typewriter . . . Won many awards for her ability . . . A cheery file for all . . . Being helpful is her time . . . Sure to make an efficient secretary with a very successful future. . . Expert in all she does.



CLASS MOTTO
Let God Be Our Guide

CLASS FLOWER
American Beauty Rose

CLASS COLORS
Blue and Silver

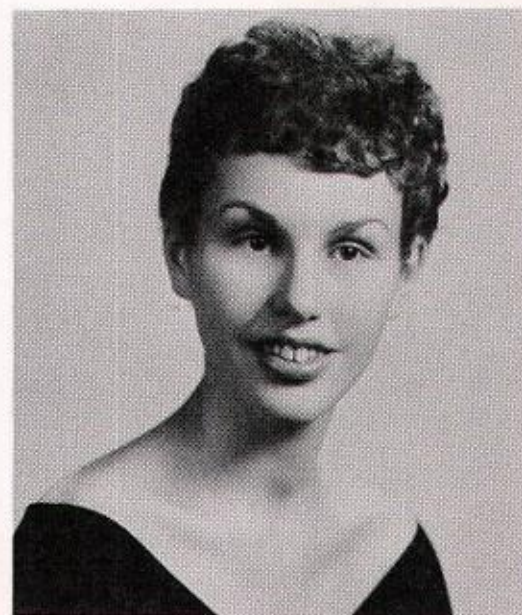
CLASS SONG

(Lyrics by Lucille Consolaro, Class of 1959. Music to the tune of "Around the World.")

Around our school days mem'ries
wind,
They linger on, when days are gone,
They're never out of mind,
The Showboat Prom, the Senior Play,
Will ever last, tho in the past,
And part of yesterday.

Tho time may lead us far apart,
Our West Deer days, will ever stay,
Deep down within our hearts.
Tho time may take us all around
the world,
We'll have the world we found in you.

Chorus: (Repeat after each of the
above verses.)
Tonight the room will fill with sighs,
We'll gather here, to bid West Deer,
Our very last goodbys.
The days rush by and quickly turn
to years,
We'll treasure mem'ries of West Deer.



Lucille C. Consolaro
CLASS VICE-PRESIDENT

MOST TALENTED . . . Band veep and student director . . . Homeroom Officer . . . Sr. Class Play . . . Jr. Class Play . . . FTA veep . . . French Club . . . Chorus . . . Dance Band . . . Girls' basketball . . . A mighty top caliber reason for the tremendous success of the West Deer band the last couple of years . . . A very likable "happy-go-lucky" sort of girl . . . One of West Deer's many valuable contributions to Indiana STC . . . Wrote lyrics for the '59 Class Song . . . Count on fun when Lucille's with you.

Carole V. Buttyan
CLASS TREASURER

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED . . .
MOST AMBITIOUS . . . MOST STUDIOUS . . . BEST LEADER . . . Band . . . Jr. Class treas . . . Homeroom Officer . . . Coalagra editor-in-chief . . . Antler staff . . . Sr. Class Play . . . Nat'l Honor Society pres. . . Student Congress . . . Girls' basketball . . . Book Club . . . FTA . . . will always be remembered for her portrayal of "Eloise" in the Sr. Class Play . . . A very kind and considerate person . . . This yearbook is an example of the great things Carole can accomplish.



The Class of '59 Continually Led the Way



Jane Allison

MOST STUDIOUS . . . BEST GIRL ATHLETE . . . FTA treas. . . . *Homeroom Officer . . . Band . . . Student Congress . . . Jr. Class veep . . . Jr. Class Play . . .* Another one of those fabulous members of the well-liked and successful Allison family . . . Small but extremely energetic.



Hester C. Altman

Business Club . . . Library Assistant . . . Attractively styled brown hair is Hester's crowning glory . . . Always neatly dressed . . . Gifted with an enjoyable sense of humor . . . Her personality-plus ranked her as tops with all at West Deer High School.



Donna J. Antoninka

Business Club . . . An industrious commercial student who always worked hard for the success of her class . . . Attractive, always neatly dressed, likeable personality and words that best describe Donna . . . That twinkle in her eyes adds to her vivaciousness.



Connie E. Baker

MOST ATTRACTIVE EYES . . . *Band . . . Business Club . . . Home Ec Club . . . Girls' basketball . . .* Enthusiastic basketball player who really starred at the guard position . . . Has many friends . . . Sharp looking colorguard . . . Helped out with cafeteria sales duties.



Wanda F. Baker

Business Club . . . Book Club . . . Sr. Play usherette . . . A broad smile, a friendly personality . . . One of our intellectuals, too . . . Count on Wanda to help a friend in need or to come to the aid of her class . . . Has helped to make our school years much brighter.



Gloria J. Balbo

MOST POPULAR . . . FRIENDEST . . . *Canteen Club sec. . . Antler staff . . . Jr. Class sec. . . Jr. Class Play . . . Business Club . . . Home Ec Club . . . Head Majorette . . .* Displayed real character as head majorette . . . Kept busy with school activities and part-time job at Norris store.



Their "Show Boat" Prom Is Still Remembered Today



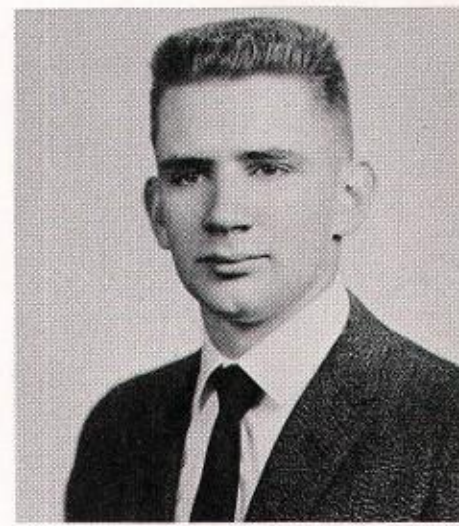
Dolores A. Barron

Chorus . . . Business Club . . . Home Ec Club . . . She has a fabulous variety of popular records . . . favorite saying, "I'm so embarrassed." . . . Her job at the J&R Record Shop, New Ken, was more fun than work . . . Her innocent-looking smile got her out of tight spots.



Eleanor Bassetti

NEATEST DRESSER . . . BEST DANCER . . . *Soph. treas. . . . Homeroom Officer . . . Guidance Office sec. . . . Home Ec Club . . . Business Club . . .* Vitality plus . . . Contagious giggle . . . fun-loving personality . . . Friendly and helpful in all ways . . . Lots of drive to get things done.



John F. Bauer

One of Mr. Graff's galant future farmers . . . Known for the many amusing stories he can tell at a moment's notice . . . Gets as much fun out of life as is humanly possible . . . Kids around a lot . . . Helpful, sure-fire worker . . . Muscular, he-man type.



Alfretta P. Baughman

Business Club . . . Pensive face framed with attractive brown-highlighted tresses . . . Expressive features reflect deep, inner glow of confidence . . . Possesses secret of managing to look lovely and feminine in all situations . . . Bus stop cer-down-to.



Sandra A. Baumgartel

Band . . . Sr. Class Play . . . Jr. Class Play . . . Book Club . . . Future Nurses . . . Chorus . . . Dance Band . . . A merry comrade . . . Blonde hair, blue eyes . . . soft-voiced friendliness . . . A smile and hello for everyone . . . Talented performer on the stage . . . Collects good grades.

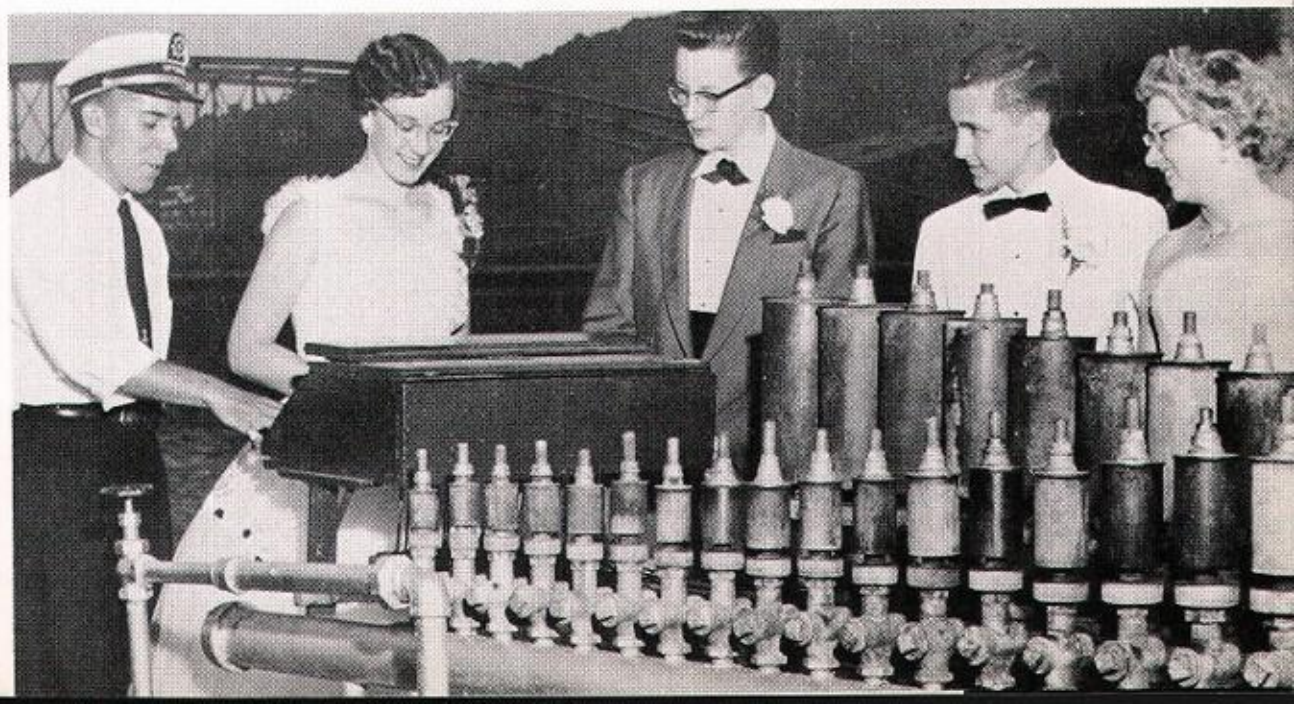


Nancy L. Bizich

MOST ATTRACTIVE . . . MOST POPULAR . . . NICEST SMILE . . . BEST GIRL ATHLETE . . . *Antler business mgr. . . . Coalagra staff . . . Sr. Class Play . . . Jr. Class Play . . . Cheerleader . . . FTA . . . Jr. Homecoming Attendant . . . Girls' basketball capt . . . Home Ec Club . . . Business Club . . . Chorus.*

ONE FOR ALL, ALL FOR ONE (Left)—Unanimous action usually marked projects undertaken by the Class of '59. George Vranesh, class president, and the other officers count the large, affirmative vote approving the Show Boat Prom.

SHOWBOAT SPECIAL (Right)—One thing people who attended the Class of '59 Show Boat Prom will remember is the antique musical calliope on the Steamer Avalon. "Doc" Williams, first mate of the Avalon, gives a lesson to Janice Hazlett, while Van Scott, Larry Sobotka, and Pat Gloz enjoy the music. More than 150 couples attended the memorable prom which was held aboard the steamer Avalon as it made a short trip down the Ohio River. Another class first, an all-community auction, provided necessary funds for the much enjoyed prom.



In School They Were Tested; Their Minds Were Taxed



Dorothy J. Bodnar

BEST GIRL ATHLETE . . . Antler circulation mgr. . . Coalagra staff . . . Business Club . . . Jr. Class Play . . . Girls' basketball co-capt. . . Beautiful hair and sleek appearance put Dorothy in glamorous class . . . Won two trips to New York City for sales ability.



JoAnn Borland

Business Club . . . Dark hair and eyes reflect an inner glow of happiness . . . Never seems to be disturbed by problems of the day . . . Speech and manners are assured and cordial . . . Air of contentment follows wherever she goes . . . Quiet, friendly charm.



Janet J. Bovankovitz

Business Club . . . Sr. Class Play . . . Business student who really shines . . . Jan's attractive smile reveals an inner love of life . . . Top booster of West Deer High . . . Helped make senior play success as ticket seller and usherette . . . Likes to hunt.



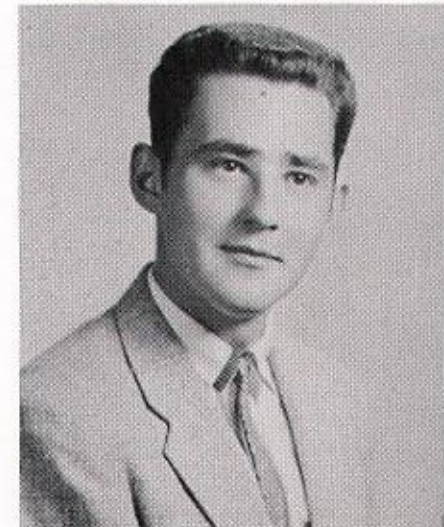
Joyce L. Bowersox

NICEST SMILE . . . Coalagra business mgr. . . Antler staff . . . Science Club . . . FTA . . . Business Club . . . Chorus . . . Jr. Class Play . . . Sr. Class Play . . . Girls' Ensemble . . . Someone you just can't help but like . . . Brains, beauty, and ability combined . . . Cute freckles . . . Friendly.



Marcella E. Broglia

Business Club . . . A soft voice with a gentle personality . . . Even tempered . . . A helpful and kind human nature best describe Marcella . . . A fine friend to have . . . Diligent worker in all her tasks . . . Outstanding commercial student . . . Efficient and punctual.



William A. Bryner

Basketball . . . Varsity Club . . . Baseball . . . Hall Patrol . . . French Club . . . Chair Committee . . . Played American Legion baseball for immortal Coach Bob Macolm . . . Always on hand to tell good joke . . . A reliable fellow who can cheer you up in his friendly fashion.



But after a Hard Day They Really Relaxed



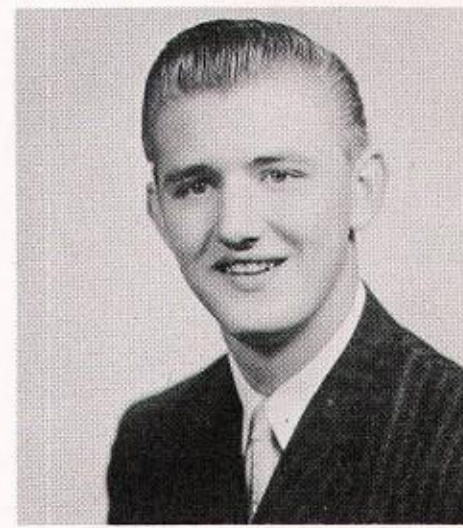
George E. Buchanich

MOST ATTRACTIVE EYES . . .
French Club . . . Chorus . . . Jr. Class Play . . . Chair Committee . . .
 . . . Loquacious back seat driver in driver's Ed Class, George spent most of the time "on the road" making hands congratulating his partner . . . Worked at Freedman's.



Charlotte N. Callen

MOST STUDIOUS . . . MOST AMBITIOUS . . . BEST ARTIST . . .
Nat'l Honor Society treas. . . . Girls' basketball . . . Science Club . . . FTA . . . French Club . . .
 Very fond of Shakespeare's writings . . . Possessor of large vocabulary . . . Has artistic touch . . . Agile forward on Bravette team.



Andy M. Charney

BEST ALL-AROUND PERSON . . .
Sr. Class Play . . . Jr. Class Play . . . Hi-Y . . . Chorus . . . Chair Committee . . .
 Gals think he's good looking, although he won't admit it . . . Happy-go-lucky . . . Powerful dresser . . . Fun loving attitude . . . Temper like a sunny day . . . Big blue eyes.



Marlene H. Clifford

Business Club . . . Impresses everyone immediately with her amicable and generous nature . . . A hard worker in all she undertakes . . . Gentility is her motto . . . Likes to id around . . . One of those rare even-tempered typists . . . Able to make her work interesting.



John J. Conroy

MOST STUDIOUS . . . NICEST SMILE . . .
Sr. Class Play . . . Jr. Class Play . . . Chair Committee . . . Book Club . . . Basketball . . . Hall Patrol . . . Science Club . . . Homeroom Officer . . . Fresh. Class veep . . .
 Really the tall, dark, handsome type . . . Very intelligent . . . Casual ways.

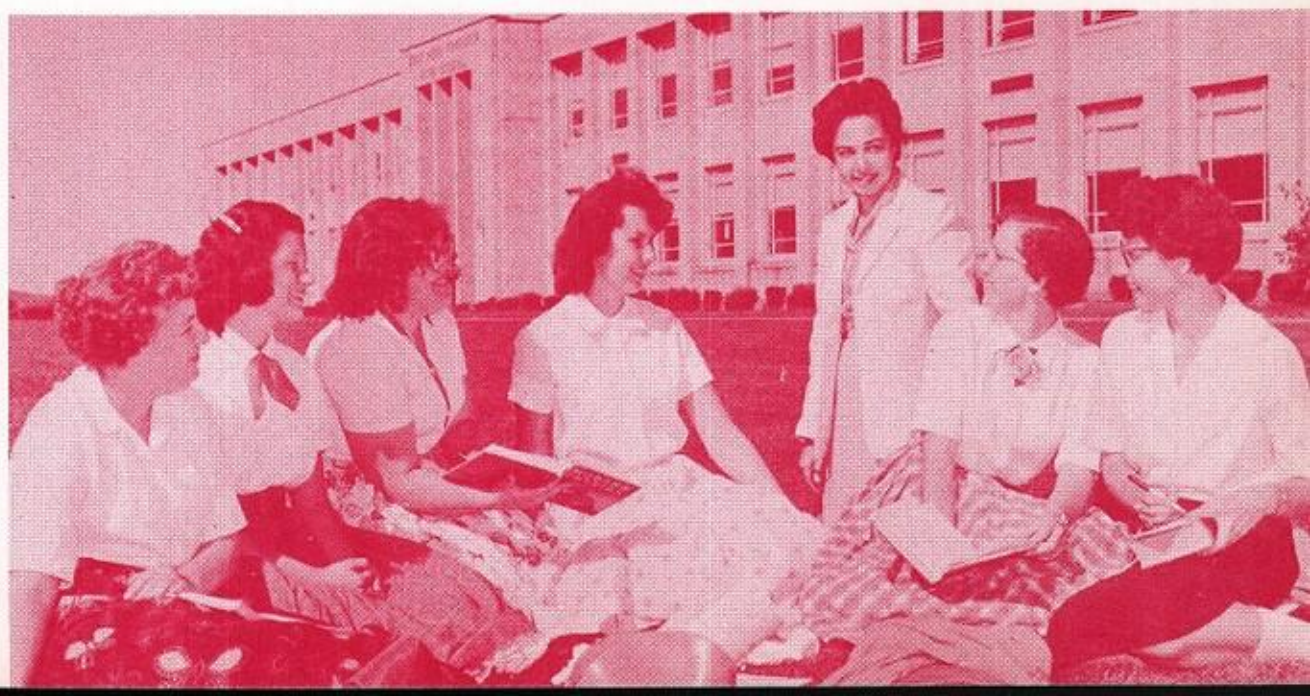


William R. Costello

MOST STUDIOUS . . . MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED . . .
Band Indian mascot . . . Science Club . . . Homeroom Officer . . . FTA . . . Book Club . . . Hi-Y . . . Chorus . . . Canteen Club . . . Chair Committee . . . Basketball . . . Library assistant . . .
Sr. Class Play . . . A guy who's really on the ball.

KULL TEASERS (Left)—Everything from regular unit tests to College Board Exams hit the seniors during their last year at West Deer High. Here members of the state employment board proctor a test given the seniors by that agency.

MAKING A BREAK (Right)—West Deer's beautiful campus makes a picturesque setting for a group of senior girls waiting for the school bus. From left are Diane Hudon, Mary Leta Tabacchi, Janice Hudon, Ruth Filo, Charlotte Callen, Janice Hazlett, and Beryl Stanford catching up on the latest news.



The Famous Antler Trophy Was Put in Its Place



Wayne Cunningham

French Club . . . Keeps the mood jovial with his many humorous tales . . . has a laugh that fills the room with joy . . . Dares to be different . . . Wonderful to have Wayne in our class . . . Always tries to be of help in every way possible . . . Easy-going manner.



JoAnn C. DeLuca

Jr. Class Play . . . *Business Club* . . . *Future Nurses* . . . *Chorus* . . . *Girls' Basketball* . . . Always neatly dressed . . . Never seen without a smile . . . Worked part-time at Allegheny Valley Hospital . . . Her eyes add more charm to her lovely features . . . Hopes to be a nurse.



Carol J. Dickey

BEST ACTING ABILITY . . . FRIENDLIEST . . . BEST DANCER . . . *Band* . . . *Future Nurse* . . . *Science Club* . . . *Jr. Class Play* . . . *Bravette cheerleader* . . . *Antler staff* . . . *Coalagra* . . . *Chorus* . . . A petite bundle of dynamite with par excellence in every way.



Beverly F. Divelbiss

Home Ec Club . . . *Business Club* . . . A real bundle of peppery energy . . . Has worked hard to achieve success during her high school days . . . Bev never lets a friend down . . . A merry comrade to all . . . Equipped with the ability to do high quality work . . . Very cheerful.



Fred A. Doman

BEST ATHLETE . . . BEST ALL-AROUND PERSON . . . MOST POPULAR . . . *Football* . . . *Basketball* . . . *Sr. Class Play* . . . *Varsity Club* . . . A star athlete and top sportsman in the true sense of the words . . . Has so many, many friends . . . One of those good-time guys.



Kathleen A. Ekas

Science Club . . . *Jr. Class Play* . . . *Band* . . . *Bravette cheerleader* . . . *Chorus* . . . The life of the party . . . Effervescent personality . . . Loves to be in the social swim . . . Sunday School teacher . . . Her cheeriness makes her a wonderful companion.



Our Braves Came Through While the Bucks Lost Face



Richard G. Ekas

A-1 sportsman . . . The rugged outdoor type . . . Hunts everything from rabbits to bears to deer . . . Rich enjoys many other sports but particularly enjoys baseball . . . Always calm, never seems to get excited . . . His father is transportation supervisor at WD.



Philomena D. Elter

Business Club . . . Jr. Class Play usherette . . . "Phil" generates amiable relationships with all who meet her . . . Her sunny smile brightens any dull day and warms the hearts of her loyal friends . . . Small in stature but bubbling with enthusiasm.



Kathleen M. Farrasso

MOST ATTRACTIVE EYES . . . BEST DISPOSITION . . . BEST ALL-AROUND PERSON . . . FRIENDLIEST . . . MOST POPULAR . . . Coalagra business mgr. Antler staff . . . Homeroom Officer . . . Jr. Class Play . . . Sr. Class Play . . . FTA . . . Chorus . . . Girls' basketball . . . Soph Class veep.



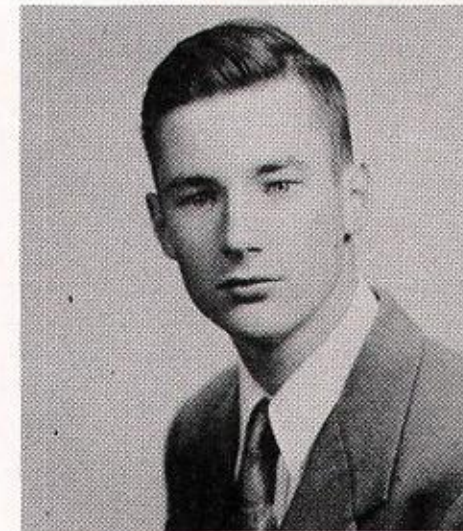
James M. Fedison

BEST DANCER . . . Football . . . Basketball . . . Baseball . . . Hi-Y . . . Varsity Club . . . Jr. Class Play . . . One of WD's great quarterbacks . . . Was a point leader in basketball . . . Always full of fun . . . His good looks and red hair seemed to attract plenty of admirers.



Edward L. Fleck

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED . . . MOST AMBITIOUS . . . BEST ACTING ABILITY . . . MOST STUDIOUS . . . Science Club . . . Chorus . . . Homeroom Officer . . . Jr. Class Play . . . Sr. Class Play . . . Student Congress pres., veep, treas . . . Success was his motto.

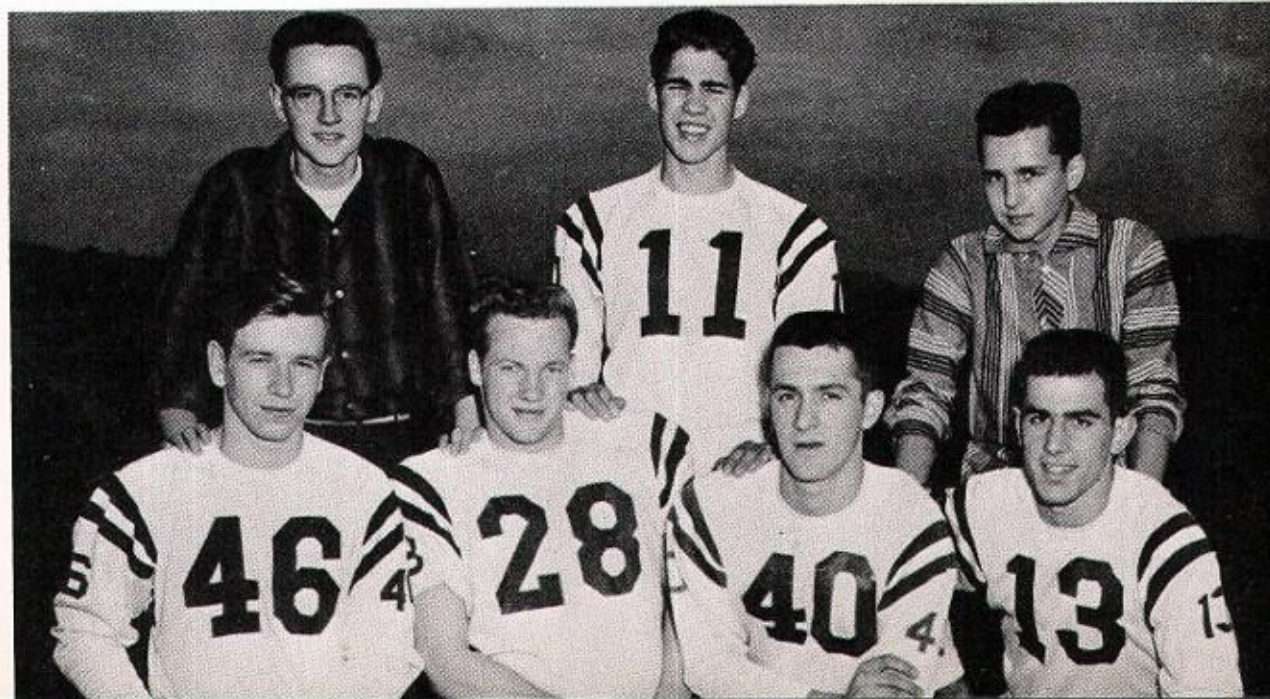


Thomas R. Fry

MOST HELPFUL . . . MOST CREATIVE . . . MOST AMBITIOUS . . . Antler staff . . . Coalagra staff . . . FTA . . . Sr. Class Play . . . Chorus . . . Library assistant . . . One of The Antler's prolific writers . . . Has admirable trait of sticking to a job until it is completed successfully.

THE ANTLER TROPHY (Left)—It was an eventful occasion when the Antler Trophy was returned to West Deer. Two Edfra players and a faculty member made the presentation at a pep meeting. Accepting the coveted trophy in the name of the students of West Deer High were Ron Smay, left, and Fred Doman, seniors and co-captains of the football squad.

SENIOR GRIDDERS (Right)—West Deer's football fortunes were led by the six seniors on the squad. From left in the first row are Ron Fyala, Ron Smay, Fred Doman, and George Vranesh. Second row, Van Scott, Oliver Solinsky, and Larry Sobotka. Scott and Sobotka were the senior managers. Missing from the picture is Jim Fedison. Smay and Doman were selected to The Valley News All-Star team at the end of the season.



The Great WD Band with Its Music the Best



Ronald S. Fyala

MOST HANDSOME . . . BEST BUILD . . . NICEST SMILE . . . BEST DISPOSITION . . . Football . . . Baseball . . . Varsity Club . . . Hi-Y . . . Science Club . . . Hall Patrol . . . Homeroom Officer . . . Library assistant . . . Chair Committee . . . Name the qualities you want in a boy, and Ronnie has them.



Sandra L. Gentile

Business Club . . . Home Ec Club . . . Library assistant . . . Looks attractive with her mysterious brown eyes and dark hair . . . You never know what Sandy will come up with . . . Worked part time at Palmer's Drug Store . . . Has many friends in Tarentum, New Ken.



Regina A. Gerashenko

FRIENDLIEST . . . FTA . . . Chorus . . . Homeroom Officer . . . A really sincere girl with a good head on her shoulders . . . Sing a beautiful second soprano in chorus . . . Her shining brown eyes and beautifully kept hair give her a neat, attractive appearance.



Lois C. Giesy

Business Club . . . Possesses qualities of ambition and initiative which enhance her natural beauty . . . Her likeable personality attracts many friends . . . She served as an efficient teacher secretary during her senior year . . . Great love for horses.



George E. Gillner

FFA . . . Possesses a sharp blue and white Ford . . . Spent spare time hard at work at a garage on Route 8 . . . Avid reader of pocket books . . . Tall, masculine type . . . Plans a military career . . . Game hunter in the true sense of the word . . . Adventurous lad.



Patricia A. Gloz

NEATEST DRESSER . . . Homeroom Officer . . . Book Club . . . Business Club . . . Library assistant . . . Gave parties galore . . . Plans to be a librarian . . . Miss Lambert's most efficient assistant . . . Wore clothes that enhanced her golden hair and creamy skin.



Brought Class to Our School and Gave Us Much Zest



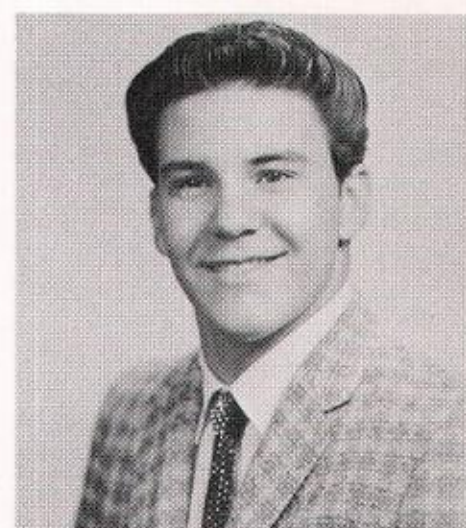
Hope A. Hastings

Business Club . . . Library assistant . . . Has versatile interests and enjoys making conversation . . . Even tempered lass with loads of friends . . . Brightened Family Living Class with her humorous short comments . . . Sincere quality of character . . . Cheerful.



Janice A. Hazlett

Band . . . Jr. Band . . . FNA pres. . . . Student Congress . . . Chorus . . . Girls' basketball . . . Home-room Officer . . . Jr. Class Play . . . Sr. Class Play . . . Leader of clarinet section . . . Known by her friends as "Pudge" . . . Worked as volunteer nurse's aide . . . Gets along with everybody.



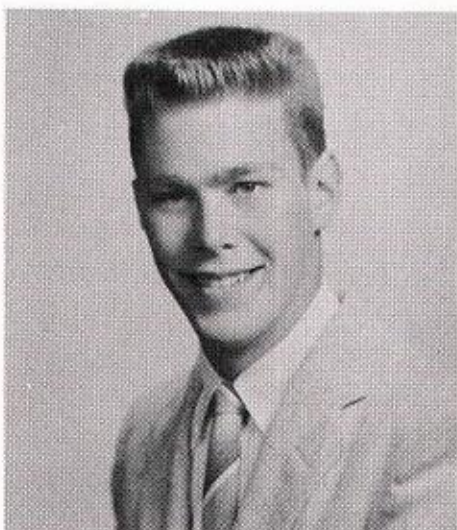
Rich Heller

MOST HANDSOME . . . NEATEST DRESSER . . . BEST BUILD . . . Drives a snazzy black Ford which matches his black, shiny crew-cut . . . One of the best on the dance floor . . . Can always be found with the most impressive people . . . Worked part-time as a mechanic.



Howard F. Hohmann

Probably one of the coolest fellows in the senior class . . . Never gets excited . . . A boy of many nick names: "Doc," "Red," and "BO." . . . Likes to tease . . . His bright red hair kept in crew-cut fashion seems contrary to his exceptionally calm temper.



Arthur D. Hosey

FRIENDLIEST . . . BEST DISPOSITION . . . MOST CREATIVE . . . BEST ARTIST . . . *Band pres. . . . Canteen Club pres. . . . Basketball . . . Dance Band . . . French Club . . . Hi-Y . . . Chorus . . . Chair Committee . . .* A great guy to know; a great friend to have . . . If Art can't do it, nobody can.



Diane Hudon

Business Club . . . Book Club . . . Always smiling . . . Enjoys coming to canteens . . . Very smooth dancer . . . Has many friends . . . Conscientiously completes all assignments given her . . . Diane's all-around niceness makes her a true friend to all . . . Nickname "Snig."

SENIORS WITH RHYTHM (Left)—The graduation loss of 22 seniors will be severely felt by the West Deer band next year. Senior members are, first row, Cathy Scopel, Elaine Allison, Carole Buttyan, Kathy Ekas, Carol Dickey, and Judy Monnier. Second row, Tom Squiller, Fran Mehalic, Bonnie Baker, Mary Tabacchi, Gloria Balbo, Margie Stewart, Elaine Pennington, Dave Pressau. Third row, Sandra Baumgartel, Beryl Stanford, Janice Hazlett, Art Hosey, Judy Potkovich, Pat Lasick, Tom Wadsworth, Lucille Consolaro. Most of the senior musicians had been members of WD musical groups since seventh grade.

WHAT A TEAM! (Right)—Probably the greatest boosters West Deer athletic teams ever had are members of the band. Beryl Stanford and Pat Lasick are shown whooping up for the Braves. Man on the left, of course, is that always calm, cool, and collected Mr. Mauroni, WD's band director.

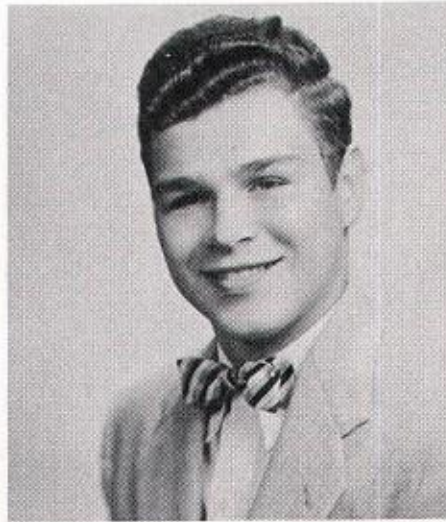


Cheers for the Performance; Hurrah for the Cast



Janice M. Hudon

MOST ATTRACTIVE EYES . . .
MOST HELPFUL . . . *Science Club . . . Jr. Class Play . . . Sr. Class Play . . . Book Club . . . FNA sec. . . . Library assistant . . . Chorus . . . Canteen Club . . . Homeroom Officer . . .* Ready and willing when there's work to be done . . . Pleasing personality.



Ralph W. Kirchner

MOST HANDSOME . . . NEATEST DRESSER . . . BEST GROOMED . . . NICEST SMILE . . . MOST STUDIOUS . . . *Basketball . . . Football . . . Baseball . . . Science Club . . . Hall Patrol . . . French Club . . . Hi-Y . . . Chair Committee . . . Homeroom Officer . . .* Fun-loving attitude . . . Gals love his curly hair.



Bernadette E. Kubisa

Business Club . . . Home Ec Club . . . Polite, neatly dressed Bairdford girl . . . Softly waved red hair frames her almost angelic face . . . Gentle in manner and speech . . . Sweet and innocent look . . . Unsung hero in many class projects . . . Efficient, steady worker.



Patricia A. Lasick

Chorus . . . Band . . . FTA . . . Continually wears a friendly smile . . . Very serious minded about becoming a teacher . . . Her pupils won't want to pass . . . Another of those ardent band members . . . Looked beautiful as an usherette at the Junior Class Play.



Mildred L. McCredie

Business Club . . . Home Ec Club historian . . . Business offices will be at their peak performance when Millie is on the scene . . . Quick thinking . . . Noted for the many little tricks she plays on her fellow students . . . Her sense of humor rates up top.



Frances E. Mehalic

MOST ATTRACTIVE . . . NICEST SMILE . . . BEST ACTING ABILITY . . . BEST BUILD . . . MOST ATTRACTIVE EYES . . . *Antle business mgr . . . Coalagra staff . . . Colorguard . . . Science Club . . . Jr. Class Play lead . . . Sr. Class Play lead . . . FTA . . . Student Congress sec . . . Book Club . . . Home Ec Club.*



Those Two Class Plays Will Remain Unsurpassed



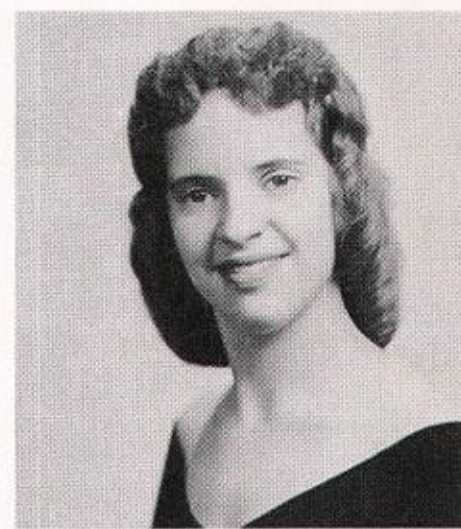
Alfred P. Micklow

Football . . . Sr. Class Play . . . Basketball . . . Hi-Y . . . Varsity Club . . . Chair Committee . . . Happy-go-lucky attitude . . . Keeps classes in an uproar with his spontaneous humor . . . Sharp dresser . . . Always sports a big smile . . . Partial to petite female from Rt. 910.



Joseph S. Mikus

Student Congress . . . FFA . . . His real hot, yellow Chevy convertible is nationally famous . . . Worked hard as a delegate in the Student Congress . . . Always smiling . . . Likes to lead an easy going life . . . Pal to all . . . Curly brown hair . . . All know him as Joe.



Judith L. Monnier

Band sec, treas . . . Swing Band . . . Sr. Class Play . . . Homeroom Officer . . . FTA pres. . . . FNA . . . Chorus . . . Antler staff . . . Lucky girl, had her dad as teacher in several subjects . . . Really lives life to its fullest . . . Great person to have as a friend.



Janet Moretti

BEST ALL-AROUND PERSON . . . Sr. Class Play usherette . . . Book Club . . . Business Club . . . Famous for her correspondence with Sen. Estes Kefauver . . . Her cheeriness kept Family Living Class really alive . . . Constantly in a happy-go-lucky frame of mind.



Joanne B. Mozuch

MOST BEAUTIFUL HAIR . . . Antler staff . . . Coalagra staff . . . Business Club . . . First to join the "Senior Diamond Club." . . . Little girl with lots of heart . . . Always wears a smile . . . Did a great job as typist for The Antler.



Andrea L. Nether

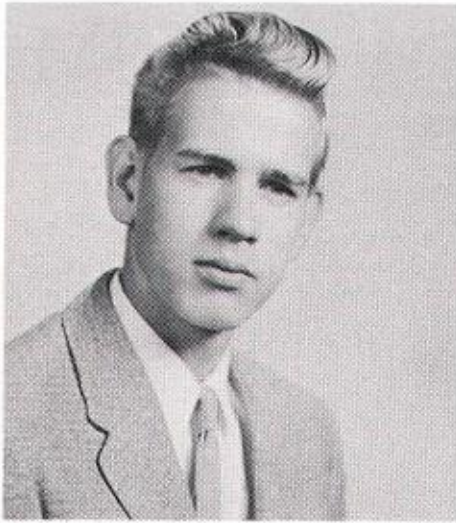
Antler society editor . . . Coalagra staff . . . Jr. Class Play . . . FTA historian . . . French Club veep . . . Chorus . . . Bravette cheerleader . . . Girls' Ensemble . . . Cute shiny blonde . . . Came to WD in soph. year . . . Want it done right? Let "Andi" do it.

WHEW, ALL THAT WORK PAID OFF (Left)—The cast of "You Can't Kiss Caroline" glows with pride over success of the play. Gathered together at "Ma Rand's" drug-store are, around table, Dorothy Puskar, John Conroy, Nancy Weaver, Joanne Mozuch, Andrea Nether, Kathy Ekas, and Fran Mehalic. Standing, Dave Reid, Janice Hudon, Dorothy Bodnar, Lucille Consolaro, Carol Dickey, Ed Fleck, George Vranesh, and Van Scott. Top, Judy Potkovich, Larry Sototka, Nancy Bizich, and Gloria Balbo. The three-act comedy made West Deer High School stage history since it was one of the few that deviated from the traditional setting of a living room scene.

APPLAUSE, MUSIC TO THEIR EARS (Right)—Grease-painted actors of the senior play, "A Date with Judy," received a thunderous ovation at curtain call. Seated from left are Ed Fleck, Garnet Tomiczek, Tom Squiller, Fran Mehalic, Bill Costello, Sandra Baumgartel, and Nancy Bizich. Standing, Dave Pressau, Nancy Weaver, Carole Buttyan, Janice Hudon, Judy Potkovich, Judy Monnier, and John Conroy. The play proved to be an entertaining as well as a profitable venture.



We'll Have Many Moments We'll Always Remember



Edward A. Newcamp

Science Club . . . Chorus . . . Chair Committee . . . Blond hair and blue eyes typify Ed . . . Gaily nonchalant . . . Can do a good job in many fields of endeavor . . . Engenders a personality that makes him everybody's friend . . . Gentle, soft voice . . . Expert driver.



Beverly J. Olar

BEST BUILD . . . *Band . . . Business Club . . . Chorus . . .* Perky colorguard from Curtisville . . . Rich black hair adds to her allure . . . Mischievous pixie . . . Loves to make others laugh . . . Spent summers in W.Va. working as a curb girl at Elby's . . . Bundle of joy.



Donald E. Olekszak

FFA . . . Football . . . Jr. Class Play . . . "Oleo" will be remembered for his vast repertoire of clowning antics . . . Don displayed his talent in the mechanical field by working part-time at a garage on Route 8 . . . In his '51 Ford, he will go far . . . Handsome.



Rose Marie Pawloski

Business Club . . . Library assistant . . . Jr. Play usherette . . . Very attractive girl with an adorable, quaint personality . . . Always seems to be helping someone . . . Will make someone an exceptionally efficient secretary some day . . . Very polite manners.



Elaine Pennington

MOST BEAUTIFUL HAIR . . . *Homecoming Queen . . . Colorguard . . . Business Club sec . . .* Dainty and neat . . . Constantly full of cheerful chatter . . . Cool, self-assured . . . Gentle . . . First choice of her classmates to win a queen title . . . Little girl with big heart for all.



Judith A. Potkovich

BEST SENSE OF HUMOR . . . *Band . . . Sr. Class Play . . . Business Club . . .* A pleasant girl who peps up a crowd and is a real pleasure to have around . . . Made spending money by working hard at part-time job . . . Can always be seen cheering at games or boosting WD in some way.

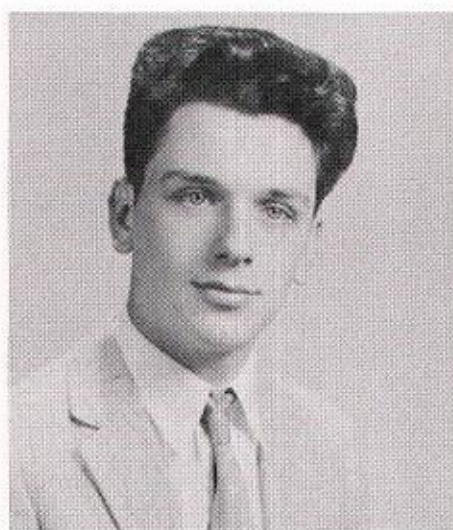


The Fine Friends We Made, Each Faculty Member



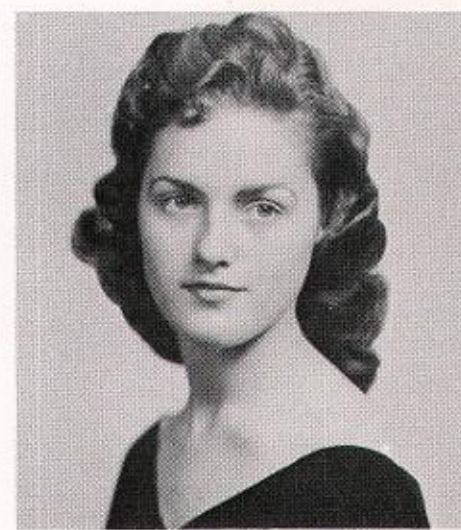
George B. Preisser

BEST SENSE OF HUMOR . . .
NEATEST DRESSER . . . BEST
GROOMED . . . *Jr. Class Play*
... *Homeroom Officer* . . . *Chair*
Committee . . . *Canteen Club*
... Crew necks and ski sweaters
... Always cracking jokes . . .
Curly red hair . . . Charming,
handsome . . . Developed muscles
in bar-bells.



David F. Pressau

MOST TALENTED . . . BEST
DANCER . . . MOST CREATIVE
... *Band* . . . *Sr. Class Play* . . .
Jr. Class Play . . . *Book Club*
... *Chorus* . . . *Canteen Club*
... *Dance Band* . . . so amazing,
so talented . . . Enjoys jitter-
bugging . . . Intelligent . . . A
real party-thrower . . . Has many
friends.



Dorothy J. Puskar

BEST ALL-AROUND PERSON
... FRIENDLIEST . . . MOST
CREATIVE . . . *Antler editor-in-*
chief . . . *Coalagra staff* . . .
Jr. Class Play lead . . . *Student*
Congress . . . *French Club veep,*
sec., treas. . . . *FTA* . . . *Home*
Ec Club . . . *Chorus* . . . *Future*
Nurses . . . *Science Club* . . .
Homeroom Officer.



Mary Margaret Reed

Student Congress . . . *Business*
Club . . . *Book Club* . . . Very
talkative . . . Particularly enjoys
easing teachers... Always smiling
... Faithful friend and interest-
ing company . . . Favorite saying,
"Oh, for goodness sakes!" . . .
Willing to lend a hand . . . Sweet.



Donna Lee Reith

BEST SENSE OF HUMOR . . .
Science Club . . . *Business Club*
... *Chorus* . . . *Jr. Class Play*
... *Girls' Ensemble* . . . Bubbling,
effervescent pal to everyone . . .
Her tall tales are really tall! . . .
Drives a booby-trap . . . Teaches
Sunday School beginners . . .
Asset to the chorus.



Vivian L. Reynolds

Business Club . . . *Guidance Secre-*
tary . . . Viv's sparkling person-
ality is her outstanding character-
istic . . . Spent several summers
enjoying North Park . . . Al-
ways dressed neatly at school or
at work . . . Seemed to stay up
to date with latest hair styles.

CANDY ANYONE? (Left)—Seniors will have many
moments to remember, in and out of the classroom. One of
those memories will be of the comedy show "Kentucky
Kate" put on by the Varsity Club. Concessionaires at that
program were members of the Bravettes' basketball team.
Donning "Gay 90's fashions," the girls were able to attract
booming sales. In front, from left, are Kathy Farrasso,
Margie Stewart. In back, Dot Bodnar, Fran Mehalic, Janice
Hazlett, Lucille Consolaro, and Carol Dickey, all Bravettes.

TRICKY MR. SCHULTZ (Right)—"Keep your eyes on
the subject," cautions Mr. Schultz to a group of interested
seniors as he gets ready to perform some magic. From left
are Donna Reith, Mr. Schultz, Kathy Farrasso, Elaine Pen-
nington, Gloria Balbo, Joyce Bowersox, and Andi Nether.
Also watching the sleight of hand tricks is Mr. Fortino.



Fond Memories Linger of Our S&S



Bonnie L. Rudolph

Business Club . . . Chorus . . .
A serious-minded lass who appreciates the good things in life . . . Bonnie is a key sparkplug in getting work done . . . She never leaves a job until it is accomplished successfully . . . Very attractive and neat in every way.



Catherine D. Scopel

BEST DANCER . . . Band . . .
Homeroom Officer . . . Business Club . . . Canteen Club . . .
Girls' Basketball . . . Dance Band . . . Jr. Class Play . . . There's never a dull moment when Cathy is around . . . Her big blue eyes help to enrich her sparkling personality . . . Neat dresser.



D. Van Scott

MOST AMBITIOUS . . . Antle staff . . . Coalagra staff . . .
Varsity Club . . . Basketball mgr. . . . Football mgr. . . . Science Club . . . Jr. Class Play . . .
Chorus . . . Canteen Club . . . Chair Committee . . . Hall Patrol . . .
Continually joking around in class . . . Always cool, calm collected.



Martin V. Shurina

BEST BUILD . . . FFA . . .
Always happy, never worries . . . Member of the "board of directors" at Joe Julie's place . . . A good player in all sports . . . Ace with the billiard sticks . . . Good boxer . . . He-man build and jazzy haircuts fascinate the girls . . . Enjoys food.



Ronnie L. Smay

MOST HANDSOME . . . BEST BUILD . . . BEST DANCER . . .
MOST ATTRACTIVE EYES . . . Football . . . Hi-Y . . . Varsity Club sec. . . . Hall Patrol . . .
Sr. Class Play . . . Respected by friend and foe for his gridiron ability . . . "Goozer" . . . Fun-loving comedian . . . A-1 with the girls.



Dolores J. Smutek

BEST ARTIST . . . Business Club . . .
Became internationally famous when her picture appeared in movie magazine . . . Ardent Elvis Presley fan . . . Pert, pretty, and poised . . . A real lover of horses . . . Usually keeps her friends bubbling over with laughter.

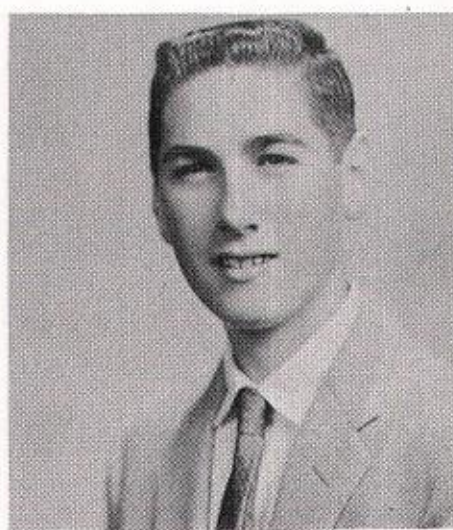


Considered by Many the Very Best



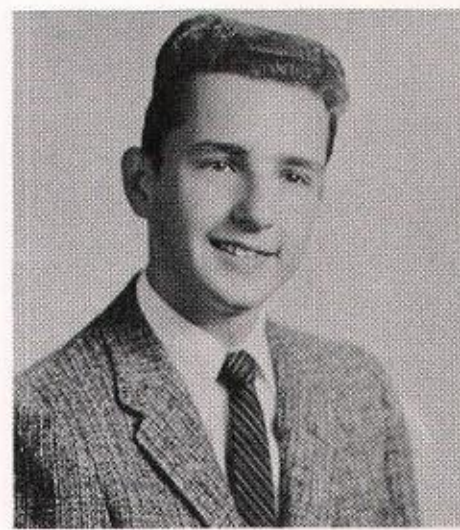
Stanley H. Snyder

Penetrating blue eyes and wavy blond hair rocket Stan into the handsome class . . . Put his weekends and time after school to good use by working at Benke Motor Co. . . . Good build . . . Trustworthy friend . . . Equipped with an array of good jokes.



John G. Sobotka

MOST CREATIVE . . . MOST AMBITIOUS . . . BEST DISPOSITION . . . FRIENDLIEST . . . MOST HELPFUL . . .
Coalagra associate editor . . .
Antler sports editor . . . *Jr. Class Play* . . . *Hall Patrol* . . . *Chair Committee* . . . Works diligently on anything assigned to him . . . Carefree disposition.



Larry F. Sobotka

MOST AMBITIOUS . . . FRIENDLIEST . . .
Antler staff . . .
Coalagra staff . . . *Science Club* . . . *Jr. Class Play* . . . *French Club* . . . *Hi-Y* . . . *Football mgr.* . . . *Chorus* . . . *Varsity Club* . . . Remembered for famous "Spinner Sanctum by Spider" column in *The Antler* . . . Dependable and able.



Oliver J. Solinsky

Football . . . *Varsity Club* . . .
Canteen Club . . . *Basketball mgr.* . . .
Hall Patrol . . . *Jr. Class Play* . . . Classroom joker . . .
 Fun-loving Romeo . . . Laughs, laughs, laughs . . . "Don't do today what you can put off until tomorrow" . . . Was center specialist for gridiron Braves.



Thomas A. Squiller

MOST TALENTED . . . BEST ACTING ABILITY . . .
Band assistant director . . . *Dance Band* assistant director . . . *Sr. Class Play* lead . . . *French Club* . . . *Chorus* . . . *Canteen Club* . . . Kept pace with brothers and sister in keeping Squiller name famous . . . Future in music.



Beryl J. Stanford

NEATEST DRESSER . . .
Band . . . *Student Congress* . . . *FTA* . . . *Book Club* . . . *Chorus* . . . *Sr. Class Play* . . . *Homeroom Officer* . . . Friend to all . . . Good-natured personality . . . Outstanding in curricular and extra-curricular phases of school life . . . Gay and witty.

THE GANG'S ALL HERE! (Left)—Seniors whoop it up at the big S&S held this year. The S&S, the traditional school party given by sophomores for seniors, was held just prior to the Christmas holidays. Theme was "Danceland in Blue."

GEORGE THE CROONER (Right)—George Preisser, with help from the male chorus, gives out with the melodious tones at the S&S. From left are Martin Gentile, Jim Bryner, Oliver Solinsky, Rich Olar, Jim Fedison, George Preisser, Joe Zrelak, Andy Charney. They'll be great some day!!!!



Graduation Is Here; The Seniors Bid Adieu



Margie A. Stewart

Majorette . . . Business Club . . . Canteen Club . . . Girls' basketball . . . Jr. Class Play usherette . . . Neat dresser . . . Blond flurry of fun . . . Trim package . . . Sparkling blue eyes . . . Took special interest in a very special football player . . . Talented high stepper.



Mary Tabacchi

BEST BUILD . . . Majorette . . . Business Club . . . Pert, pretty lass with loads of friends . . . Lots of fun and nice to be with . . . Did a fine job as a high-stepping WD majorette . . . Sure to be a hit in anything she does . . . Born with a sweet disposition.



Mary Leta Tabacchi

BEST ALL-AROUND PERSON . . . Antler staff . . . Coalagra staff . . . Business Club . . . Homeroom Officer . . . Sr. Class Play . . . Calm and reserved describes "Leta." . . . Does everything with exceptional grace . . . A real American girl . . . Attractive and mannerly . . . Good student.



Garnet E. Tomiczek

Cheerleader . . . Antler staff . . . Coalagra staff . . . Sr. Class Play . . . Chorus . . . Full of vim, vigor, and vitality . . . Turned out to be a terrific cheerleader . . . Had famous line in senior play, "Halo, Halo, Halo-o-o." . . . Makes friends easily . . . Carefree attitude.



Howard G. Tutak

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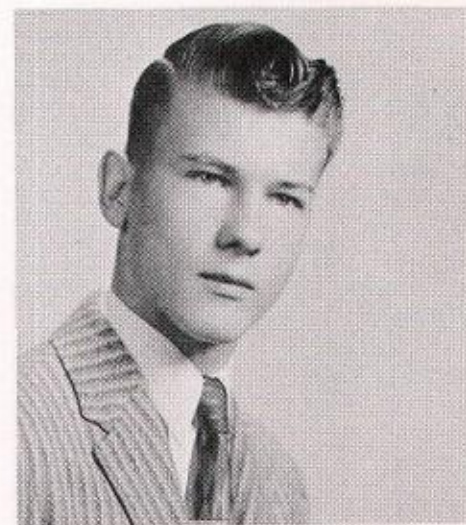
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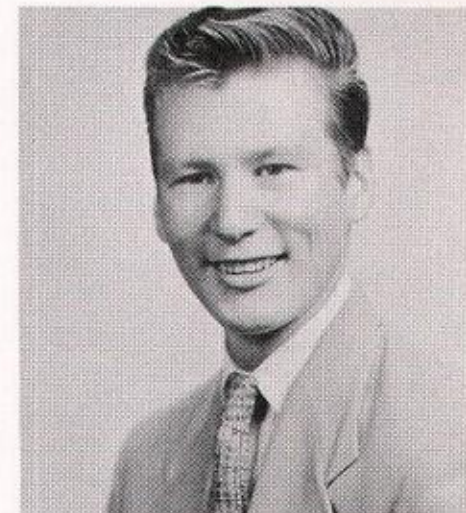
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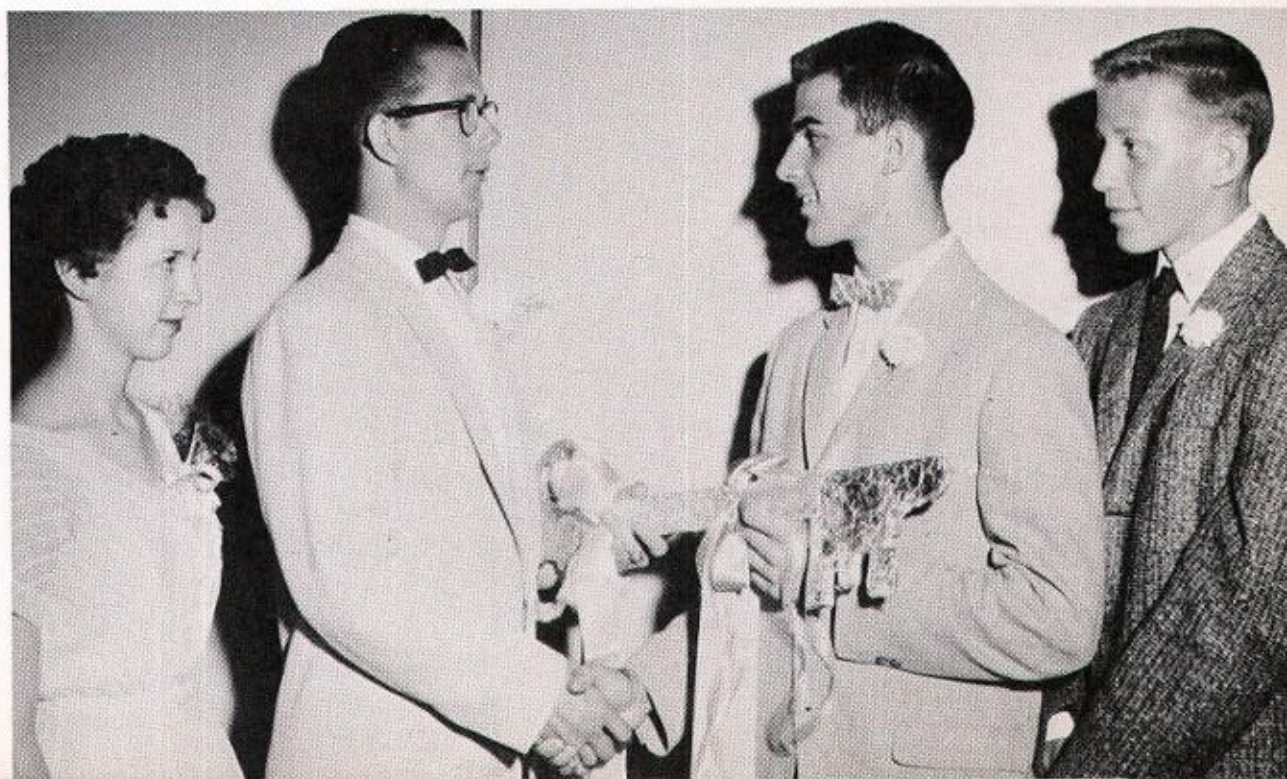


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HOMEcoming SCENE (Left)—Queen Elaine Pennington and her attendants wave to the crowd during Homecoming ceremonies. In the car are Kathy Mahnick, Diane Charney, and Marlene Tabacchi. The cavaliero at the door is Ralph Kirchner, who served as official chauffeur for the Queen and her court.

KEY CHANGES HANDS (Right)—This impressive scene was repeated again this spring when the seniors presented the school key to next year's graduating class on Move-Up day. Dave Grubbs, Class of '58 president, is shown awarding the key to George Vranesh, '59 president. Looking on are Kathy Mahnick, '61 president, and Stanley Brudney, '60 president.



Students Receive Honors for Academic Work



ORATORICAL CHAMP—Winner of the annual American Legion Oratoricals this term was Dorothy Puskar, one of West Deer's outstanding student leaders. She went on to place third in district oratorical competitions. Dorothy also won fame for being the Antler's top-notch editor as well as officer of several student organizations.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY—The highest academic recognition that could be won by a high school student is selection to membership on the National Honor Society. Being named to that group in the junior year is an exceptional honor. The five picked for this honor were, from left, Ruth Filo, George Vranesh, Charlotte Callen, Carole Buttyan, and Nancy Weaver.



Right up until final deadline of the Coalagra in March West Deer students were winning recognition for themselves and the school.

Many awards for activities and academic work produced in superior fashion were presented. On these pages are the individuals who were honored by various groups and organizations.



TOM McAN WINNERS—Carole Buttyan and Ed Fleck received Certificates of Merit for being West Deer's choices for the McAN Company scholarship competitions. Later in the year Carole, along with John Conroy and Charlotte Callen, were commended for high scores received in Exceptionally Able Youth exams.

REALLY TOPS (Below)—The name Nancy Bizich will be long remembered around West Deer. Nancy was the school's unanimous choice for Jay-Cee Queen. As a player on the Bravettes' team, she set a new school scoring record by getting 37 points in one game.



And Activities



ARION AWARD—Lucille Consolaro was voted West Deer Musician-of-the-Year by her fellow bandsmen and thus received the Arion Award. The award, an engraved plaque, is presented annually by the local musicians' union. Lucille will be remembered also for being the lyric writer of the Senior Class Song.

RECORD BREAKER—Stanley "Sonny" Brudney carved his name into West Deer's Hall of Fame in many ways during 1958-59. He set a new school record in basketball by scoring 372 points in one season. At a tournament in Plum Twp., he was awarded a trophy for his outstanding sportsmanship. Stan also had the junior class play lead this year.



HOMEMAKER AWARD—On the basis of her high score on a competitive exam, Andrea Nether was named West Deer's Homemaker-of-the-Year and presented the symbolic bronze award pin. Her qualifications were then sent on to district and state competitions.

MOST VALUABLE (Below)—More athletic honors and titles were won during the year by Fred Doman than any other West Deer athlete. Fred was Most Valuable Conference player in football, in addition to being picked to The News and Dispatch All-Star teams. In basketball he was chosen to the JayCee and AIC All-Star teams.



Queen Elaine Pennington at Homecoming



HAIL THE QUEEN—Pretty Elaine Pennington poses with her crown and bouquet. Queen Elaine became the third girl in West Deer High history to win the Homecoming Queen title. Past Queens were Judy Zonarich, now at Grove City College, and Louise Mennow, now a secretary.

The unanimous choice of her classmates, lovely Elaine Pennington reigned as the 1958 Homecoming Queen of West Deer High School.

Her attendants were Diana Charney, junior; Kathy Mahnick, sophomore, and Marlene Tabacchi, freshman, all elected by their classmates.

Homecoming 1958 turned out to be exceptionally exciting as a large turn-out of old grads watched the impressive Queen's ceremonies and the 45-26 football victory over Knoch High School.



QUEEN AND HER COURT—It looked like a burst of springtime when Queen Elaine and her court gathered for a picture at the Homecoming Dance. From left are Marlene Tabacchi, Kathy Mahnick, Queen Elaine, and Diana Charney.

CROWNING MOMENT—Fred Doman, WD football captain, does the honors in presenting Queen Elaine with her official crown. The Queen also autographed the game ball. From left are Marlene, Kathy, Diana, Elaine, and Fred.



ONE LAST LOOK-OVER—Diana Charney, junior attendant, helps Queen Elaine with some final gown adjustments before the Queen and her court make ready to enter the field. Incidentally, Diana, as junior attendant, won an honor achieved also by her sister Judy two years earlier.



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May we members of the Board join parents, friends, and citizens of the township in extending heartiest congratulations to each member of the Class of '59 for earning his emblem of scholastic achievement, a West Deer High School diploma. Treasure this diploma, seniors, because it represents one of your life's first hurdles successfully and admirably completed. You must realize, however, that this pace-setting 20th century will confront you with many, many more hurdles and objectives in the years ahead. Choose and judge them all with wisdom. Above all, never once lose sight of the goals which will ultimately bring happiness to you and to those who work and pray for your success.

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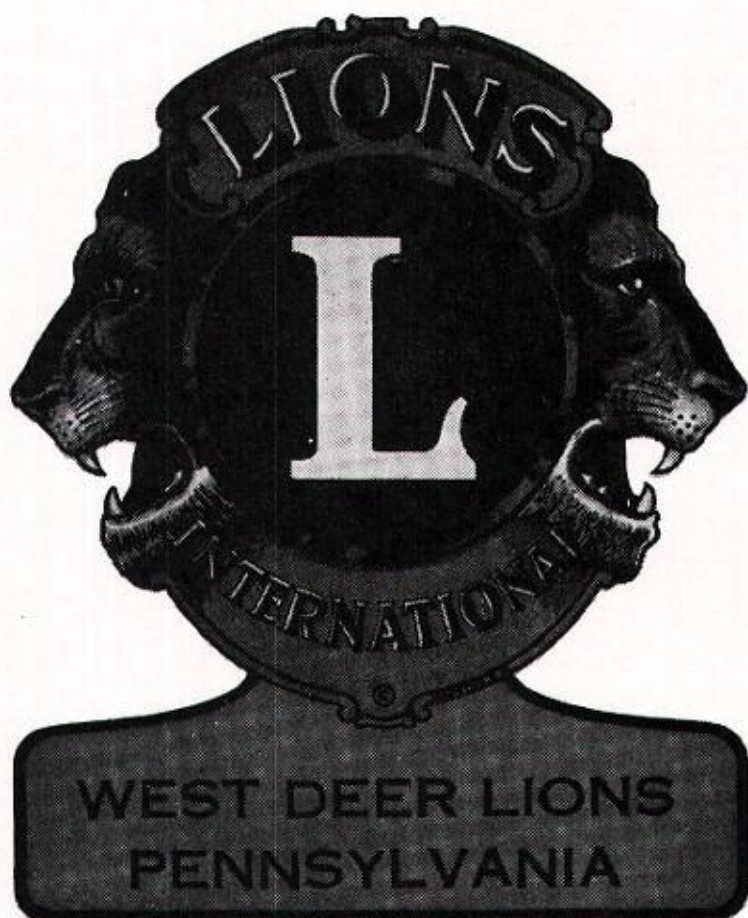
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'58-'59 Headlines Still Concern Outer Space

Man's continued efforts to conquer outer space took top priority in the year's happenings.

Wounded prestige-wise by the Russian successes during 1957-58, the United States turned the tables and during 1958-59 gave the Soviets a run for their money.

From the Cape Canaveral proving grounds, the mighty four ton Atlas, larger than the one and a half ton Sputnik



YE OLE' HOOLA HOOP—The craze which raged with fever tempo in 1958-59 was the "Hoola Hoop" fad. West Deer students will always remember the pep meeting when a group of seniors modeled the latest "sack dresses" and demonstrated "hoola hooping."

III, streaked skyward. In addition three army Explorer satellites and the Navy's 3¼ lb. Vanguard were successfully projected into orbit.

The Air Force's Pioneer moonshot soared 79,000 miles into the heavens, the farthest extent of man's penetration into outer space.

It was a year in which the peace-loving world was gripped with tension, fearful that the Middle East would turn out to be the fuse which would ignite the Third World War.

Secretly aided by the United Arab Republic, Iraqi Army officers overthrew the government of King Feisal, assassinating the young monarch in the process. President Eisenhower ordered American Marines ashore in Lebanon to stabilize the shaky government of Premier Chamoun.

In another trouble-torn area, Red Chinese guns mercilessly pounded the offshore islands of Quemoy and Matsu, while the East-West Berlin situation seemed certain to erupt at any moment.

Sorrow placed in the year's events. The beloved Pontiff, Pope Pius XII, was laid to his final rest in St. Peter's. Pope John XXIII assumed the position of spiritual leader to the worldwide Catholic nation.

Flames devoured Our Lady of Angels school in Chicago.

The nation bowed its head in grief upon learning that 87 youngsters and three nuns lost their lives in the inferno.

For weeks on end, the names of presidential assistant Sherman Adams and gift-giving industrialist Bernard Goldfine appeared in newspaper headlines throughout the country.

A bushy-haired Texan pianist, Van Cliburn, captured the admiration of his countrymen and the Russian people by winning first prize in the International Tchaikovsky Piano Competition in Moscow.

Twenty-five years from now, old time baseball fans will sit in the sun and reminisce about the action-packed 1958 World Series. Trailing the Milwaukee Braves three games to nothing, the New York Yankees sprang back to take the coveted World Championship title. And how about those amazing Pittsburgh Pirates who ended the season in second place!

In the local area, the West Deer Board of Authority struggled with the vexing problem of water supply. Mining of underground coal deposits robbed dozens of families of their water supply. Township residents clamored for action. Several estimates of the Oakmont Water Authority were rejected on the grounds of overly steep costs.

Weight-conscious or not, the hoola-hoop fad affected young and old alike. Everyone from 7 to 72 prided themselves on the length of time they were able to keep the "tricky instrument" whirling about their hips.

Cowpokes shared the television screen with Franksteins and Draculas. Along with the spine-tingling horror movies, television studios employed a special brand of ghoulish hosts to narrate them. Matt Dillon of Gunsmoke "out-trendixed" his gun-toting competitors. Ed Sullivan triumphed over long time rival, Steve Allen.

Numerous operators of movie theatres saw their profits steadily declining as the drive-ins attracted more and more of the movie going crowds. On the whole, movies revealed a more mature quality. Tabbed box office hits by their producers were: The Big Country, Proud Rebel, The Defiant Ones, I Want to Live, and Gigi, to name a few.

Hollywood gossip centered around the Eddie Fisher, Elizabeth Taylor, Debbie Reynolds triangle. The American public generally took the side of the spurned Miss Reynolds; in several instances her once be-loved ex-husband was booed during public appearances.

Rock 'n roll still comprised the music popularity polls, with an occasional ballad or novelty ranking high in sales. Disc jockeys spinned, people hummed: *Tom Dooley*, *The Chipmunk Song*, *Stagger Lee*, *Venus*, *One Night*. Any record bearing the name of Ricky Nelson sold like hotcakes.

Amid the cheers of the male population, the fashion world buried the sack dress during the latter months of the year. To be in high fashion, my lady switched to the high-waisted empire look.

In the area of school fashion, the emphasis was placed on the long, leggy look, achieved by wearing danskins, ranging from the palest blues to the darkest browns.

Many a young fashionplate sported fingernails tinted the color of her outfit. For the long-haired girl, the French twist replaced the old standby ponytail. Those who preferred their hair short had it styled according to personal preference.

So from satellites to hoola hoops, the year 1958-59 will be one long remembered.

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"When I count to 10, the yearbook will be complete!" voiced Mr. Angeloni, West Deer's A-1 teacher, publications adviser, photographer, and hypnotizer (his latest new talent), as we concluded our final staff meeting for 1959.

During the last several months, the publications room had become our second home as we labored on the quest of proving to all that an educational pot of gold is within the grasp of each student at West Deer High School. It turned out to be a mighty big project, but somehow at this time we don't remember the work. Instead, we remember the times we assembled and how much fun they turned out to be.

We remember how the ole' publications room became our second home, in the warm evenings when we sweltered and in the winter nights when we had to work with our coats on because the heat was turned off on schedule. We remember how we enjoyed laying aside our troubles in the publications room; here we found respite, friends, and, we'll have to admit, that deadline to be met. However, when you enjoyed the work as much as we did, it was never toil in the sense of drudgery. To us, it was a passion, an incentive, a goal that had to be reached. The enjoyment and excitement that filled us when we completed each particular job will remain with us forever.

As I sit here typing this last letter in the capacity of editor, I must acknowledge the wonderful work of all who made this book possible, the staff, the publisher, the photographers, the faculty advisers, the advertisers and boosters.

Gosh, no one will ever know the many little moments of panic that arise before a yearbook evolves. For instance, there was the time we couldn't find the senior prints. Solution--always look in your mailbox before you conduct an entire school shakedown and needlessly condemn unsuspecting staff members!

Indeed, many thanks go to all members of the staff, especially to associate editor John Sobotka and the business managers, Joyce Bowersox and Kathy Farrasso. We can't say enough about the valuable help provided by Pat Makuta, who added the literary spice which was so essential to the pictorial and written history we attempted to present.

The spectacular job turned in by Mr. Angeloni and Mr. Schultz, the faculty advisers, was of paramount importance in the production of this '59 Coalagra. Their know-how, friendliness, and patience have endeared them to us and to the profession they so ably represent.

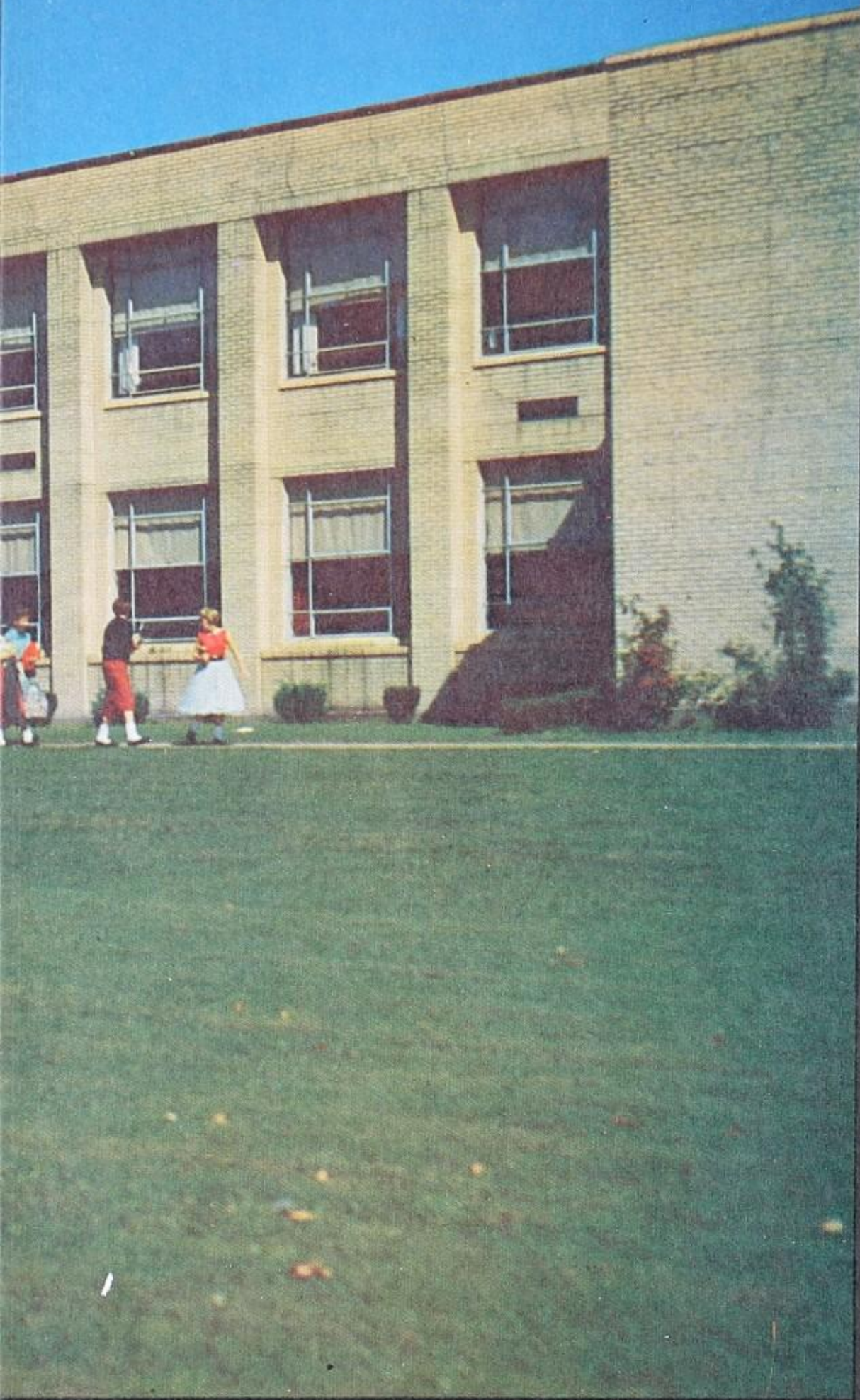
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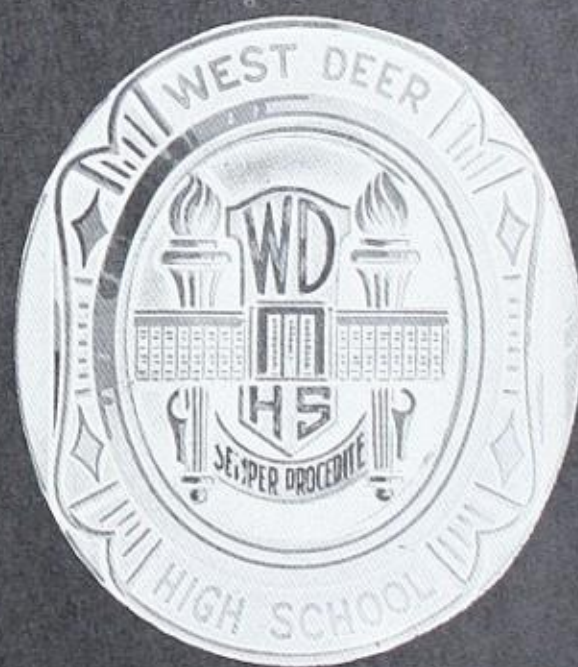


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'Neath the heavens blue.

Raise her banner,
Bear it onward
Through success or fame
While our hearts and voices echo
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Proud to bear thy name;
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We'll always cherish you—
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Hail! All hail to you.



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